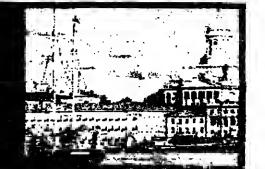


CITY BREAKS TO ICELAND,



Princes and presidents bury a king as his people grieve

BY ROBERT FISK m Amman

TWO JORDANS huried their king yesterday. There was the formal, Westernised nation with its Scottish-style bagpipers and new, Englishaccented monarch who invited the world's statesmen to bury the "fallen warrior" on his polished gun carriage, Hussein's Arab steed - empty boots reversed in the stirrups - clopping obediently behind the coffin. And what the world saw indeed, what the world was supposed to see - was the adoration of kings, presidents, prime ministers and princes: Clinton, Bush, Blair, Assad, Yeltsin, Chirac, Shamir, Netanyahu, Mubarak, Weizman, Aralat, Sharon, Carter, Ford, the Prince of Wales,.. After all, had not the American president already consigned this

man to paradise? Then there was the other Jordan. Outside the gate, sweating and shricking to God, smashed hack by gun butts, sworn at by the descendants of Glubb Pasha's Arab Legion as they clawed their way towards King Hussein's coffin, the other Jordan didn't broke through the troops and of God, help me," an old stamped her into the mud.

"little king" was honoured, prayed to, watched and nodded at by all the dangerous, untrustworthy allies who had variously loved, hated or

who sent his killer squad into to assassinate a Hamas official, There was ex-president Bush who just eight years ago regarded Hussein as little Yasser Arafat, whose gunmen sein's kingdom, snapped to attention in his olive fatigues and kefiyeh scarf, twice saluting the flag-draped wooden box in front of him.

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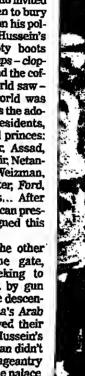
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quite fit in with the pageantry on the other side of the palace wall. When the Jordanians towards the gates, they were confronted by hundreds more armed soldiers. In the name woman moaned as the crowd So which was the real Jordan? Was it the nation enshrined just above the marble floor of the Rhagadan Palace, where the coffin of the

plotted against him? Such sincerity, such affection, they all showed yesterday. There was Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, Jordan only a few months ago bowing stiffly before the coffin. more than an enemy agent. once sought to destroy Hus-

And behind the coffin, scarcely moving, was the studied, often frowning face of King Abdullah the Second and his two half-hrothers, Crown Prince Hamzeh and Prince Hashem. They stood there, hands out in prayer from time to time, all dressed in immaculate suits and ties and all wearing the same kind of chequered red-and-white keftyeh

Vulnerable was the word that came to mind. The princes didn't look old enough, or hard enough, or cynical enough, to handle the sleek harmful, one after the other, Hamzeh, Hussein's son by his king - then I had come across his feet. He shrugged as the had been in the war unleashed

Thousands of Jordanians follow their king for the last time, as pall-bearers carry his body to the Royal Guards Mosque for prayers and the burial waiting for group passport pic-Ford and Bush. Snap. Prince Charles and Blair and Ashdown and Hague. Snap. Netanyahu and Sharon and Barak, Snap.

I suppose it wasn't surprising that history was being rewritten for the watching world. On the satellite television channels, the cancer-dead king was being eulogised as the man who freely made peace with Israel, whose country was praised - this from CNN - because it was now closer to Israel than to many

Arab states. So forget what the king once privately called the "manacles" of the Oslo agreement, which forced Jordan into an unpopular peace treaty with Israel, and remember what President Clinton told us on Sunday: King Hussein is now in paradise. Which is where we were told the Egyptian President Anwar Sadat had gone after his death - that being the destiny, it seems, of all Arab leaders who make peace

with Israel at our behest. men who passed before them and presidents inside, they to honour their father, some of had somewhat different ideas.

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parading before the coffin as if last wife, the half-American an oddly unrepresentative crowd surged past him, shoul-waiting for group passport pic-Queen Noor. "Hamzeh was sample. But when the coffin dered his rifle and walked tures. Clinton and Carter and chosen as new crown prince by the United States," a girl insisted. She was a Palestinian

Jordanian. "Rubbish," I snorted. "You shouldn't believe in the 'moammarer', the plot," I told her. But then, an hour later, I saw the full list of dignituries at the palace and was struck by the list of State Department men, the boys from the Wash-

approached, a kind of ripple, half sound and half movement, spread through the lines of tired, somehow broken faces, as if a stone had been thrown into a human pond. There was no signal from them in advance, no instruction or indication save perhaps for a line of children who suddenly moved from the trees into the road. Then en ington peacemaking depart- masse the people swarmed

■ Jordan waits as the vultures circle US moves to protect key ally

ment led by Martin Indyk, former head of the largest Israeli lobby group and the man who couldn't manage to persuade Mr Netanyahu to stop building Jewish settlements on Arab land hut who insists Mr Arafat must "crack down on terrorism".

So was the real Jordan. then, among the swaying As for the crowds, whose mass of shabbily dressed, voices could be heard baying shouting youths on the highbeyond the palace gates by way to the royal palace, many the heautifully groomed kings of them poorty educated, some pathetically adorned with crinkled pictures of the them gentlemen, others venal Yes, they loved the king, some dead king glued to their shirts dictators, quite a few with an of them. But there was less and scarves? If Jordan has a absolute rage. When I rolled awful lot of blood on their enthusiasm for the new King 90 per cent literacy rate hands, the harmless and the and much less for Prince thanks, of course, to the late beside me and helped him to had been Muslims, just as they

towards the coffin and its jeep-loads of head-scarved Jordanian troops, tears streaming down their faces, hands outstretched to touch, even to seize, the flag or per-

haps the coffin itself. I remember thinking before a panicking soldier struck two men with his rifle and punched me in the chest as the crowd fell on us, that it was like throwing petrol on to a kitchen stove. It was a strange, frightening kind of hysteria because it combined both love and fury against Lebanon culminated in in almost exactly equal measure, intense loyalty married to over, I found the soldier lying

after them in resignation. At the funeral of Ayatollah

Khomeini, almost 10 years ago, the crowds tore at his shrond. And if the Arab shouted in the name of their dead king and if the other soldiers had not laid into the first of the young Jordanians who tried to clamber on to the carriage, it might have happened here yesterday.

Violence is portrayed so dif-

ferently when its progenitors are behind palace walls. How, one wondered, did the mass outside feel about the large presence of the Israeli foreign minister Ariel Sharon in front of their King's coffin, the very man who sent Israel's Lebanese Phalangist allies into the Sabra and Chatila Palestinian refugee camps in 1982 to "hunt down terrorists". militiamen who then proceeded to murder hundreds of Palestinian civilians. What did they make of the arrival of President Assad of Syria, who ordered his soldiers to "eliminate" an Islamic uprising at Hama in 1982, an operation that left the dead in their thousands? Or of former Israeli prime minister Shimon Peres, whose 1996 offensive

camp at Qana? In every case, the victims

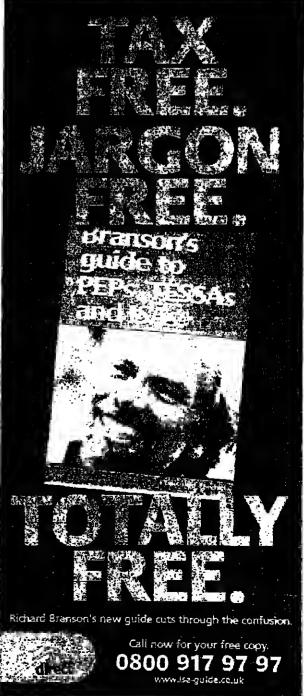
the Israeli massacre of 106

Lebanese civilians in a UN

by the man who most aston ished the world by turning up in Amman yesterday, Boris Yeltsin, whose butchery in Chechnya is never mentioned in the West. I am alive, he was trying to tell us as he waved Legion's descendants had not to the cameras and walked

> falteringly into the palace. Mr Clinton paused to talk briefly to Assad before the Syrian leader took a car to the palace mosque rather than walk behind the coffin with the others. He didn't want, I suppose, to be seen with Sharon, Netanyahu and Shamir. But few outside saw more than a glassed-over vision of the men who rule the world. Sitting on the pavement by a motorway bridge, the people of the al-Nuzhah area of Amman just caught the briefest of glimpses of President Clinton in the back of a hlack limousine. Yasser Arafat's frozen, sick features, a gaggle of robed Saudis in their Mercedes

> King Hussein created a nation out of a country and left it with a peace treaty that hinds its people forever to Israel and America. For the crowds outside the palace gates vesterday, it seemed a chilling embrace. What the old king had done could not be undone. Peace, it was called. And inside the palace walls, King Hussein's favourite white stallion "Amr" reared up on his hind legs behind the coffin. As a mark of respect, it was said, he would never be ridden



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New curb to stop bogus marriage

THE GOVERNMENT will By Paul Waugh announce the biggest ever clampdown on bogus marriages today when it unveils its long-awaited Immigration and

The legislation will give registrars the power to insist that all prospective couples provide nationality documents before allowing a wedding to go ahead, The Independent has learned.

Ministers regard the measure as a tough new way to stamp out lucrative bogus marriage rackets, run by gangs across the UK, that give desperate illegal immigrants a chance to remain in this country. The move aims to end for good the current situation where thousands of people who have overstayed their visa and disappeared from public records have suddenly reappeared through a fraudulent marriage

at a register office. Previously the only bar to marriage was higamy.

The clause to give registrars the new power to insist on "bona fides" is one of the few new measures in the 130-clause bill to be published today in the House of Commons. The bill will also stop all DSS cash benefits from asylum seekers, given the status of a court of including those who follow the - record to prevent further judilaw and declare their status at cial reviews of their decisions. the port of entry. Instead, refugees will be allowed payments in kind, such as toiletries and food parcels. although they may be awarded illegal immigrant. However, "pocket money" if Home Office truck drivers will be allowed to

officials deem it appropriate. The legislation aims to repair **Political Correspondent**

removed benefits from those who claimed asylum after they had settled in the UK.

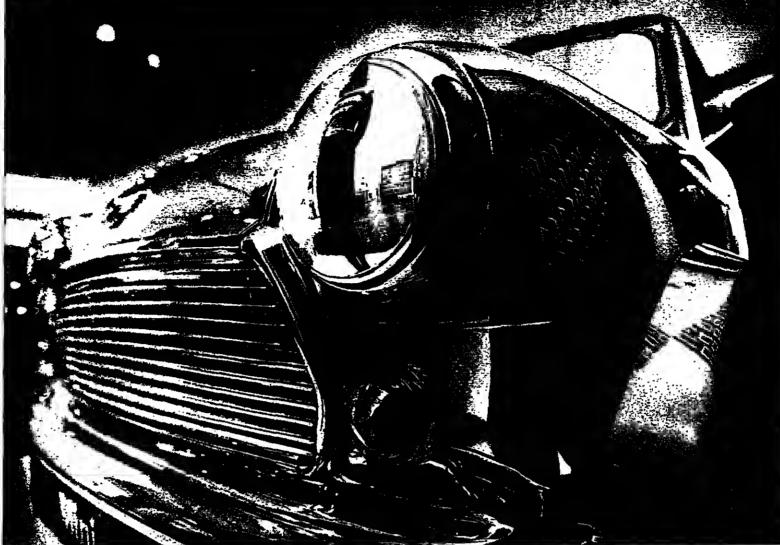
Together with a court case that insisted that all councils had a duty to protect refugees from destitution, that law meant town halls had to spend millions caring for the rising number of asylum seekers. Today's hill will move the burden from councils to the Home Office and allow ministers to send refugees around the country to ensure that no one area suffers disproportionately.

Contrary to some reports. Home Office sources confirmed that there will be no amnesty for the current backlog of 50,000 unresolved asylum cases. Instead, the claim process

ing system will be speeded up to meet the Government's commitment to a "fairer and faster" asylum system. All new cases will be set a target of two months for an initial decision and a further four months for any appeal, allowing six months in total for the whole process. To aid the process, the im-

migrations appeal panels will be Ferry, train and haulage companies will be liable to a

£2,000 fine if they are found to have knowingly imported an appeal successfully against the fine if they can prove that they the chaos caused by the last have complied with a new code Tory government's Immigra- of conduct to carry out checks tion and Asylum Act, which on their vehicles.



A customised chrome Mini owned by David Bowie, the pop star, is on display at a London exhibition to celebrate 40 years of the Mini. Also on display are Minis owned by Kate Moss, the model, and Paul Smith the fashion designer

Neville Elder

Europe's ministers pose threat to Britain's £2bn budget rebate

BRITAIN'S 12BN-a-year Euro- By STEPHEN CASTLE pean Union budget rebate was in Brussels under fresh threat last night as finance ministers of the organisation ordered a study into

other member-states. The move, six weeks before a crunch summit on EU funding, coincided with powerful political attacks on the rebate. The new initiative, driven by

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ways of opening up similar alised" correction system to rebate could be incorporated Germany's Finance Minister financial benefits for four address the problems of four into a general correction underlined the high degree of address the problems of four into a general correction other big net contributors to the EU: Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and Austria.

According to papers circu-lated by the presidency ahead

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would form a "safety net" to " ance between what the UK tect Britain from shouldering ensure that no nation faced pays into the EU and what it its share of the burden, and | itself a two-week deadline to unrealistic demands. Omithe German presidency of the nously for Britain, the paper EU, will consider a "gener- added: "The existing UK

a fundamental overhaul of the surrender it at least in part British hudget rebate, a when the EU enlarges to the unique mechanism aimed at east. Most other EU nations of yesterday's meeting, this correcting a continuing imbal- argue that the rebate will pro-

gets back.

Speaking after yesterday's meeting, Oskar Lafontaine, underlined the high degree of hostility to the rebate and That raises the prospect of highlighted calls for Britain to

any new mechanism would almost certainly reduce the UK's refund.

Mr Lafontaine said: "A majority of member-states are in favour of an amendment [to the UK rebatel, in particular, that no member-state should be absolved from the need to contribute to enlargement."

He added that there is sufficient support for a general corrective mechanism for it to "remain on the negotiating

The German agenda document for yesterday's meeting also outlined the extent to which Britain is outnumbered, with "a very large majority of member-states taking the view that the UK rebate in its present form is no longer justified". It also called for discussion of the extent to which phasing-out of the UK rebate could fit in a timetable for other efforts".

Bidders circle around **BMW**

Business Editor

SHARES in BMW soared by nearly 10 per cent yesterday as speculation grew that the German car firm might be the subject of a £20bn takeover bid. Among the companies ru

moured to be interested in bidding for BMW are General Motors, Ford, Toyota and Fiat. The surge in the shares fol-

lowed last Friday's removal of the BMW chairman, Bernd Pischetsrieder, because of his failure to stem mounting losses at its Rover subsidiary. Mr Pischetsrider's depar

ture has placed a question mark over the Longbridge car plant in Birmingham which could close unless it is chosen as the site for a new mediumsized car to replace the Rover 200/400 series. Tony Blair raised the future

of Longbridge with the German Chancellor, Gerhard Schröder, at yesterday's funeral of King Hussein of Jordan.

Stephen Byers, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, visited the Longbridge plant and met management and union officials. He later acknowledged the uncertainty over the future and said: "The Government is in close contact with BMW and we shall continue to do all we can to represent the interests of Rover and, in particular, Longbridge."

Analysts believe the new BMW chairman, Professor Joachim Milberg, will want to move quickly to decide strategy over Rover The board meets today and is thought to have set reach decisions.

BMW is controlled by the Quandt family, who own 46 per cent of the shares and have rejected previous approaches.

"BMW is a very attractive proposition," said John Lawson, motor industry analyst with the investment bank Salomon Smith Barney. "But the Quandts have made it professionally impossible to read their intentions. There's no doubt, however, that anybody knocking on their door needs to be seriously cash rich."

Analysts believe that the boardroom upheaval at BMW may have tested the patience of the Quandt family and left the company more vulnerable to a takeover bid. But Otto Wiesheu. the Bavarian economics minister, dismissed the speculation as being "for the birds".

Business Outlook, page 15 Hamish McRae, Review,

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HEAVY SNOW and icy temperatures bave caused chaos across large areas of Europe with avalanches and traffic jams disrupting the start to the week. Some 6,000 holidaymakers were trapped in western Austrian ski resorts yesterday after the heaviest snowfall in decades, while in Switzerland an avalanche in the Alpine resort of Wengen, killing a café owner and his



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The long voyage is finally over as Dame Iris Murdoch dies, aged 79

By Kathy Marks and CLARE GARNER

IRIS MURDOCH, the novelist and philosopher whose descent into Alzheimer's was movingly charted in a book by her husband, John Bayley, has died

Murdoch will be mourned as one of the finest and most prolific writers of her generation. She produced 26 novels, including The Bell, A Severed Head and the 1978 Booker Prize-winner The Sea, The Sea, as well as numerous works of

philosophy,
Friends said she died at 4pm
yesterday at Vale House, in Oxford, a hospice where she had spent the past three weeks. The cause of death was thought to be pneumonia. Mr Bayley, her husband of 43 years, was at her bedside.

Murdoch, who always said that she regarded herself as a "second-league" writer, was appointed Dame of the British Empire in 1987 for services to literature. She taught philosophy at St Anne's College, Oxford, and was nominated many times for the Nobel Prize for Literature.

She and Mr Bayley, a retired English literature professor at Oxford, had what each described as a perfect marriage. In his poignant and tender book, Iris, A Memoir, published in November, he wrote that the disease had brought them closer together.

"She is not sailing into the dark," he wrote. "The voyage is over, and, under the dark escort of Alzheimer's, she has arrived somewhere. So have L"

Tribute was paid last night by Paul Levy, a writer and longtime friend of the couple. He said that her novels were "Murdochian", as distinctive as the works of Proust or Kafka.

"It was her ability to create an entire world or universe that was recognisable as something special, as hers," he said. You know that things happen in quite strange and interesting ways in a Murdoch world."

Bayley stunned the literary milieu when he revealed two years ago that not only was she suffering from Alzheimer's, but badly that she was incapable of simple acts of memory and communication.

"The power of concentration has gone, along with the ability to form coherent sentences and to remember where she is or has been," he wrote in The New Yorker magazine last

July.

She does not know she has written 26 remarkable novels as well as her books on philosophy,



prophet of existentialism. Mur- chaotic, with a kitchen that cruel and bideous disorder, and lege dinner only last term. said in a statement last night:

received honorary doctorates from major universities and become a Dame of the British Empire. Murdoch was born in

Dublin in July 1919, and was educated at Badminton School in Bristol before going on to The Book and the Brother-Somerville College, Oxford, where she gained a first-class hood.

Austria and Belgium.

that she became involved with Raymond Queneau, the mathematician and novelist, and also fell under the spell of Jean- accompanied by domestic dis-

doch's first novel, Under The Net, was published in 1954. She won the Whitbread Prize in 1974 for The Sacred and Profane Love Machine. Her other novels include The Nice And The Good, The Sandcastle and

She briefly joined the Com- ford in 1954, when he was a munist Party and got a joh at gauche 26-year-old and she a novel should be a "huge, great the Treasury during the war. don of 34, devastatingly attrac- place" that could express When the war ended, she tive by many accounts, with a worked for the United Nations string of love affairs behind

in displaced-persons' camps in her. A contemporary recalled her as "pretty and buxom, with It was during this period blonde bair and dirad skirts".

Their marriage was said by friends to be "one of the great love stories". Marital bliss was

was continually cluttered with

Some criticised Murdoch's novels as confined to the small milieu of the Hampstead intelligentsia; others said her books were too long and undisciplined. Her last, Jackson's Dilemma, published in 1995, re-

She herself believed that the everything, in the manner of Shakespeare. Murdoch first realised that

something was amiss in 1995, but she initially thought that she was just suffering from a severe case of writer's block.

Jonathan Miller, president of the Alzheimer's Disease So-Paul Sartre, the leading array; their Oxford home was ciety, said last night. "It is a

one can only admire the people who care for the person who suffers. John Bayley obviously cared for her with enormous courage and self-sacrifice."

Alison Denham, a philosophy fellow at St Anne's, said Murdoch had attended a col-

"John was marvellous," she said. "He would be very discreetly bringing her along. He would see that sbe was looked after without being ever pre-

ranging a memorial service, will be greatly missed."

"Dame Iris was not only one of the most valued members of St Anne's College, but of Oxford University. "Her creative talents, her intelligence and her The college, which is armost distinguished arena. She

TRIBUTE TO A WIFE

John Bayley on Murdoch:

"Iris is without question the most genuinely modest person I have ever met. or if it comes to that, could ever imagine. Modesty is apt to be something acted, by each individual in his or her own way, part of the armoury with which people half-consciously build up the persona they wish others to become aware of, and with which they intend to confront the world. Iris has no pride in being modest: I don't think she even knows she is."

On the Impact of Alzheimer's on their marriage:

1 December 1997 (I think. a Sunday anyway.] [sic.] Life is no longer bringing the pair of us 'closer and closer apart', in the poet's tenderly ambiguous words. Every day we move closer and closer together. We could not do otherwise. There is a certain comic Irony - happily not darkly comic

- that after more than 40 years of taking marriage for granted, marriage has decided it is tired of this, and is taking a hand in the game. Purposefully, persistently, involuntarily, our marriage is now getting somewhere. It is giving us no choice; and I am glad of that. Every day we are physically closer; and Iris's little 'mouse cry', as I think of it, signifying loneliness in the next room, the wish to be back beside me, seems less and less forlorn, more simple. more natural, She is not sailing into the dark: the voyage is over, and under the dark escort of Alzheimer's she has arrived somewhere. So have I.*

From Iris: A memoir of Iris Murdoch, by John Bayley (Duckworth, £16.95)

Alarmingly idiosyncratic, she freed a generation of writers

FROM THE beginning of her career, Iris Murdoch seemed to enlarge the possibilities in front of the English novel. She was a writer of wonderful, and sometimes rather alarming idiosyncrasy, from her first novels, she explored a parish which was uniquely and unmistakably hers. But, somehow, by pursuing her desire only to be herself, she made it possible for generations of novelists after her to be more themselves.

Hers was a liberating and a generous imagination, an unacknowledged legislator not just of the English novel, but of the freedoms of the English mind.

Sometimes, of course, the idiosyncrasy seemed uppermost to her contemporaries. The huge splash made by her remarkably funny and cynical first novel, Under The Net, proved something of a red herring, and she was never afterwards such a natural comedian.

What she quickly established, instead, was a taste for intricate melodrama, married new Murdoch was: "I don't to scenes of serious philosophical debate, and a weakness for extravagant symbolism. The results, in early novels such as The Bell, are often thrilling; serious fantasies entirely without the besetting English sin of embarrassment. They never apologise, they never explain, and they are wonderful. They are purple, headlong, passionately involved and quite unlike anything that had been seen before. few novelists imitated her di-



Iris Murdoch at the start of her career

Something so new and so

shameless could not, of course, expect to have an easy ride, and, with their buge casts and deliberately fanciful settings, Murdoch's novels found many detractors. Ivy Compton-Burnett, who might have been expected to be interested in another arch-individualist, was probably typical; her standard response on being asked if one ought to read a think you need trouble." Something so outrageously enjoyable could hardly be serious, and a great game of knocking

Murdoch began to take place. But the whole climate had changed. The thrilling spirit of fantasy and epic which began to come into the English novel in the early Sixties was, surely, sparked off by her determined individuality. Although

rectly, there are hardly any enough. It is undeniable that marked by the encounter.

AS Byatt, Doris Lessing, ers of the time seemed to be liberated by the possibilities grow bigger than their teacher She was at her best, I think,

in the novels of the late Sixties

and early Seventies, which refute that ignorant argument which holds that the English novel was then parochial and unambitious. The symbolism relaxes - the slightly clunking Severed Head is replaced by the unforgettable device of the swimming pool in A Fairty Honourable Defeat. The readability of a novel like A Word Child or The Black Prince is almost appallingly powerful.

The novels manage to be playful, fictive, symmetrical, and retain their responsibility to the outside world, so that she can discuss the ethical problams of the Vietnam draftdodgers and orchestrate and pattern a party scene until it resembles the masque in The Tempest. The besetting sin of whimsy is not entirely absent - the space ship at the end of the otherwise very fine The Nice and the Good is tough to deal with - but for half a dozen novels, here is an exuberant, carnival intelligence doing ex-

actly what she chooses.

And that, surely ought to be

ambitious writers left un- things started to go wrong from the late Seventies onwards. The Sea, The Sea, which John Fowles, Angela Carter, won the Booker Prize, is very even Alasdair Gray's hugely infar from being her best book, fluential Loncols, the best writ- and after that a slow process of

withdrawal began to take place.
Of course, she could still rise she had revealed, made free to to the grand old manner from time to time, as the under-rated Nuns and Soldiers or The Philosopher's Pupil quickly shows. But the whimsy starts to become overpowering.

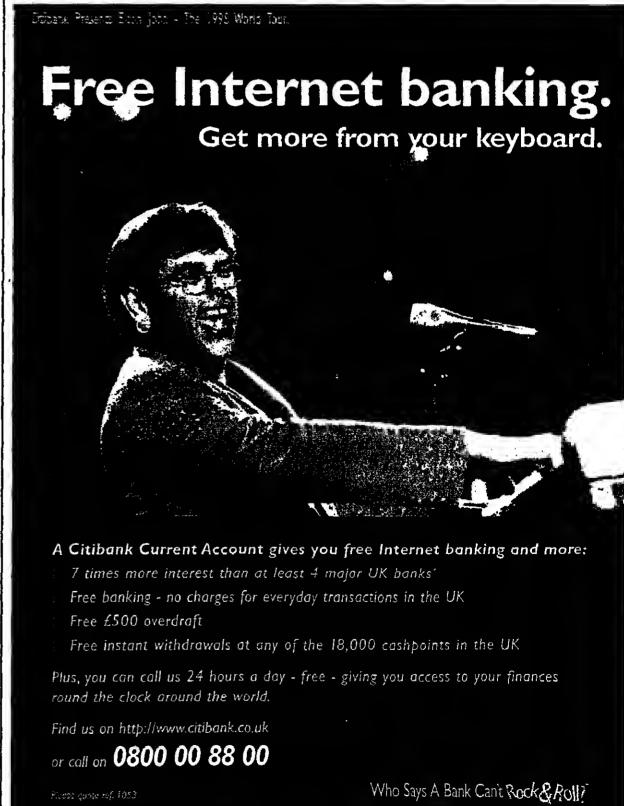
We know now, thanks to her

husband, the intimate details

of her last decline - the uncommissioned confessions of appearances of the sword in A a writer who had never chosen to write about herself before. And it might be tempting, in those last novels, to look for something of that mental decline. But it is not there, or perhaps only in the abbreviations and effortful elaborations of her last, Jackson's Dilemma. Until then, there is only a powerful mind, doing exactly what it wants to do, pursuing an increasingly arid and wilful path.

She never lost that blissful readability, hut, by the Eighties, she had done what she could. And it will do; it emphatically will do. She is too strange, too idiosyncratic a writer to go on being read in total, but, at her best, she made you realise what the novel could do, and her voice is everywhere. Si monumen-

tum requiris, circumspice. PHILIP HENSHER



Three die in meningitis outbreak

BY JEREMY LAURANCE Health Editor

THE WORST outhreak of meningitis for a year has struck three schools in south Wales. Eleven people have been stricken with the disease, three of whom have died, triggering a public health emergency.

Medical staff were yesterday treating 1,500 children in Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan, with antihiotics in an attempt to halt the spread of the disease which is running at record levels nationwide. There were 334 cases of meningitis across the country in the first two weeks of 1999, the highest for any twoweek period in the past 50 years.

Gareth Gould, 15, who had been studying for his GCSEs at Coedylan Comprehensive School in Pontypridd died last week hours after complaining of a mild headache. Yesterday, a 50-year-old teacher and mother of two. Lynne James, from the Cardinal Newman RC Comprehensive school, died after being admitted to hospital on

The 11 people who have contracted the disease in the area since the beginning of February include seven children from ti:ree schools. A 60-year-old woman died last week.

The outhreak is the worst since that in Ironville, south Derhyshire in early 1998. Meningitis is a cyclical disease with peaks every 10 to 15 years and nationally the number of cases has risen sharply in the last three years. The number of cases is now running at at about 2.600 a year - twice the

Doctors from Bro Taf health although only a few are vulauthority in Cardiff said they nerable to developing the dis-



Gareth Gould, 15, who died hours after complaining of a headache. Right: The Cardinal Newman school, where meningitis victim Lynne James, 50, taught Huw Evans

gressive sub-type of the virulent the bacteria and prevents fur-C strain of meningitis. One in ther spread. In addition, some mild headache in the morning straight away. 10 of the population carries children were heing offered but insisted she went to work the bacteria that cause meningitis in the back of their throat

described yesterday the chilling but I saw two little marks on his Coke. The doctors sedated him real warning that anything was speed with which the disease arm and I knew that could be so he was out of pain and they were dealing with a new ag- ease. Giving antibiotics kills struck her son, who died last a sign. I called out the doctor put him on a ventilator. He

leaving him at home, "When I to us and at one point he want-The mother of Gareth Gould came back Gareth was a bit hot ed to get out of bed for a can of

"Gareth was still able to talk

closed his eyes and gave us a double thumbs-up telling us it would be OK, But within 30 minutes all his organs had shut down. He died and there was no

edylan Comprehensive School where Gareth was a pupil, yes-"It was quite an amazing experience. I didn't leave the school until 10.30pm and we managed to get tablets to more 24-hour helpline: 0808 800 3344.

than 1,000 pupils. They turned up with their parents, uncles and grannies and everything went very smoothly. The help we had from parents and from staff was phenomenal. It restores your faith in humanity."

He said one other pupil remained in a critical condition with meningitis while four others were stable or recovering.

Dr Meirion Evans, consultant in communicable diseases at Bro Taf health authority said: We are extremely concerned by this outbreak and are asking parents to be extra vigilant and alert to the symptoms."

"We are carrying out tests and believe it could be a strain we have not come across previously. Antibiotics and vaccination will be just as effective on the new strain. It is treatable hut diagnosis must be made quickly and treatment given

The scale of the rise in meningitis cases in recent years has taken the experts by surprise. A spokeswoman for the Meningitis Research Foundation said: "The totals for 1997 and 1998 are the highest for 50 years. We hope it is plateauing and will go down but at the moment there is no sign of it. The figures are very high and we are concerned to raise awareness to ensure prompt diagnosis and early treatment."

She said the C2A strain identified in Mid Glamorgan had been around for a few years although it was among the newer ones. About 40 per cent of cases are caused by the C strain with the remainder caused by the B strain. There are seven or eight major types of each strain.

The Meningitis Research Foundation is operating a free

Dublin calls for return of \£250,000 for ecstasy victim Mitchell the peacemaker brain-damaged by hospital

THE IRISH government yesterday suggested the return to Belfast of the former US Senator George Mitchell, who successfully chaired the talks which led to last year's Good

decommissioning Issue. Although the proposal met with a lukewarm response, the floating of the idea is seen as a sign that Britain and Ireland are exploring all options in an effort to crack the problem by their target date of 10 March.

The issue was raised hy Mary Harney, the Irish Deputy Prime Minister, who said that since Mr Mitchell could he trusted by everybody there

Ireland Correspondent

She added: "It may well come

In response, the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble and Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams both indicated that they believed Mr Mitchell's return would he premature, though neither ruled out his involvement at a later stage.

The SDLP's deputy leader, Seamus Mallon, was sceptical, commenting: "It would transfer problems from the

opinion poli which suggested widespread support for weapons decommissioning, even among Sinn Fein supporters.

The poll, of 1,100 people, said 84 per cent of those questioned wanted guns handed over immediately. More intriguingly the poll also reported that 58 per cent of Sinn Fein supporters said they wanted to see the IRA and loyalist paramight well be a role for him now. Goor of the Assembly to militaries hand over weapons.

The Secretary of State for diately attacked by Mitchel Northern Ireland, Mo Mow- McLaughlin, of Sinn Fein, who lam, said she was reticent said they represented a disto American intervention. We about re-involving Mr Mit- tortion. He added: "It has no have to call on those that have chell, adding: "At the end of the credibility at all. Any political Friday Agreement, in an had the capacity in the past to day it's up to the party lead-attempt to resolve the arms resolve difficulties. It may well ers." Ms Mowlam also took The Sinn Fein figure was, howheart from a Belfast Telegraph ever, so high and so unex- first compensation pay-out of swallow, feed herself and comclosely analysed by all sides.

Ms Mowlam has launched a new round of talks with Belfast parties to discuss decommissioning and other issues. Many of Northern Ireland's political leaders have meanwhile flown to Brussels to urge the EU to keep payments to the province at a high level. David McKittrick.

A BRAIN-DAMAGED woman By LINUS GREGORIADIS who lost the ability to speak, read and write after taking ecstasy at a nightclub yesterday won £250,000 agreed damages in the High Court from the hospital that treated her.

pected that the poll will now be its kind, Lorraine Leighton, now aged 25, had sued North Middlesex Hospital NHS Trust over the care she received after she was admitted in Jan-

> uary 1995. Ms Leighton sat next to her parents in court as her counsel. Duncan Pratt, said her case was "a question of both tragedy

and friumph". vid McKittrick, Ms Leighton had been left Review, page 4 with a catalogue of neurologi-

cal disabilities which she and her family had fought hard to overcome, Mr Pratt said. The former beautician, who

is not expected to work again, In what is believed to be the had bad to relearn how to write, Ms Leighton had taken two

half tablets of ecstasy before she collapsed and was admitted, semi-conscious, to North Middlesex Hospital in north London, the court was told.

Mr Pratt claimed that Miss Leighton's problems were "emmently correctable" when she arrived in hospital and that there was little or no active investigation or management of

her condition during her first 48 mismanagement there might ministration of fluids exacerhated her problems.

in that some mandatory investigations were not performed by the medical staff who admitted Ms Leighton. It also admitted

> continue with flinds beyond a certain point. The trust said that if the case have argued that the brain

hours there. During that time have been was not the cause of she suffered irreversible brain her hrain damage. It also damage, the court was told. It claimed that Ms Leighton had was also claimed that the ad- contributed to her own injury by taking the drug. Dr Thomas Leigh of the

The trust, which denied lia- Medical Defence Union, said hility, admitted breach of duty yesterday: "Anybody who has been a victim of medical negligence should be compensated swiftly and fairly. One cannot distinguish between people on that it was not appropriate to the basis of what they have done to be in hospital.

A spokeswoman for the charity Action for Victims of had not been settled, it would Medical Accidents said that she believed this was the first swelling suffered by Ms time an ecstasy victim had re-Leighton was a direct toxic ef- ceived compensation following fect of taking ecstasy, so any a civil action.

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IN BRIEF

Mencap says jail terms 'too short'

SENTENCES ON a care homes owner and worker guilty of ill-treating residents with learning difficulties were criticised as too lenient yesterday by the disability charity Mencap. Donald Lee, 49, and David Poole, 40, were given six and three months jail terms, half to be suspended.

Councillor beat neighbour

A 64-YEAR-OLD councillor and former acting police authority chairman was found guilty of unlawful wounding after hitting a neighbour with a pickaxe handle. Dennis Jones, of Croes Pen Maen, south Wales, hit Alan Carter in a dispute over children playing in the street.

Fly London to Dublin for £9.99 THE COST of flying between Dublin and London has been cut to a one-way fare of IR£9.99. Ryanair made the move in a dispute over plans to increase airport landing charges

in Dublin. The carrier's chief executive Michael O'Leary said that 99.9% of passengers had voted in a ballot to back the airline's atand against higher charges. Firm fined over manure in water

ANGLIAN WATER was fined £15,000 with £5,521 costs for supplying water contaminated with bacteria from cow and pig manure. People suffered diarrhoea and stomach cramps. The company pleaded guilty at Ipswich Crown Court to providing water unfit for human consumption.

Damages for 'birthday treat' woman A WOMAN injured in a helicopter crash on her 36th birthday was awarded £200,903 damages in the High Court yesterday. Ina Jacobs, of Canvey Island, Essex, suffered a devastating injury to her hand in the crash at Southend airport in May 1993. The flight had been arranged as a birthday treat.

Striker's England caps found

ENGLAND CAPS and medals belonging to former striker Mark Hateley were found at a second-hand shop 150 miles from his home, from where they were stolen five years ago. Two meo tried to sell them to a sbop in Newcastle upon Tyne, hut fled when the owner hecame suspicious.

DAVID MCKITTRICK



In Belfast, a political pressure-cooker is under construction

'Dandy' leprechaun is no joke, say Irish

A LEPRECHAUN by the name BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE of Fiddle O'Diddle is at the centre of allegations of racism involving one of Britain's bestknown comics.

The Dandy, home over the past 60 years to characters such as Desperate Dan and Bananaman, has been accused of deliberately trying to make the Irish look stupid.

Those levelling the accusations say it is particularly unpleasant because of the age of the comic's readers. The offending character,

O'Diddle, from fictitious Rathprune, sparked controversy when, in a recent edition of the comic, he was featured trying to grow a black-pudding tree. His catchphrase, which is regularly used, is: "Sure 'ting."

Telephone lines to a Duhlin radio show were jammed with listeners calling in to complain.

One farmer called the Joe Duffy Livelive show and said the comic's racism was sinister. But staff at the Dundeebased Dandy were defiant yesterday, accusing detractors of political correctness and re-

or alter his character. The Dandy's editor Morris Heggie, devised O'Diddle during a visit to an Irish comic fair He said: "In the story Fiddle O'Diddle from Rathprune is the smartest leprechaum in Ireland and most of the stories involve people trying to catch him

fusing to spike the leprechaun

for a crock of gold. "I think it was the hlack-pudding story that has caused all this fuss. This is all madcap stuff. Both the heroes and vil-

lains in the story are Irish. "We are portrayed as tight-

fisted, kilt-wearing, cabertossing Scots, and it's the same

with the English and the Welsh. No one is safe from being lampooned on our pages." David Donaldson, managing director of the comic's pub-

lisher, DC Thomson, said readers were aware of the difference between the real world and life portrayed in the Dandy. "Look at Fother Ted. Nobody seriously helieves all Irish

priests are like that," said Mr Donaldson. He added: "Heaven help us if we have to water down any more. We have had minority pressure groups complaining about this and that." Like many comics, the Dandy - first published in 1937 and still selling 100,000 copies

a week - has had to cut down

on violence, ruling out tradi-

tional scenes of punch-ups and

corporal punishment

Three in rooftop jailbreak

POLICE ARE hunting three prisoners who went on the run after making a spectacular rooftop escape.

an accommodation block after

gaining access to an air vent in a shower-room. Prison officers gave chase across the roof at Featherstone prison, near Wolverhampton, and a fourth prisoner taking part in the break-out was caught before he could escape.

But the other three crossed

BY IAN BURRELL Home Affairs Correspondent

on to the roof of the prison gate They clambered to the top of lodge and jumped down into the car park

The escapers fled into a nearby housing estate, pursued by prison staff. The prisoners' first attempt to steal a car failed but they managed to "hot-wire' a second vehicle and drove off. All three prisoners lived oear the medium-security prison.

The escape took place at 6.30pm on Sunday, when prisoners are allowed to socialise as part of their "association" period. The prisoners were named as Shane Middleton, from Birmingham, who had served four years of an 11-year sentence for robbery, Warren Banford, from Redditch, West Midlands, serving four years for burglary, and Brendan Somerville, from Birmingham, who was serving three years for hurgiary.

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Jury to visit site of war crimes

THE JUDGE and jury in Britain's first Nazi war crimes trial will next week visit Belarus in eastern Europe to see where four murders were allegedly committed more than 56 years ago. In an unprecedented move, the court will travel to the former Soviet republic as part of the trial of Anthony

Sawoniuk. Mr Sawoniuk, 77, from Bermondsey south London, is alleged to have murdered four Jews, two men and two women, in 1942 while a police officer in what was then German-occupied territory.

Yesterday at the Old Bailey, the judge, Mr Justice Potts, told the jury the case they were a police officer serving in a could last to the end of March. small town called Domachevo, near Brest, while the German army occupled the region. It is

BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE

local Jewish population. "If either you or your family has suffered as a result of German action against Jewish or other races or religions then it would be better if you did not serve on

this jury." Mr Sawoniuk, a retired rail worker, is charged with four counts of murder on dates between 19 September and 31 December 1942. He has de-

nied all charges. Yesterday Mr Sawoniuk, thick-set, white-haired and wearing a grey pullover and red tie, sat at a table in the well of the court in front of the dock. He was silent as the jury was trying was "highly unusual". He selected from a panel of 39 - all told them: "The defendant was of whom had been told the trial

John Nutting QC, for the prosecution, told the jury the intention of the visit - arranged alleged that he assisted the at the request of the defence -Germans in putting into effect was to allow them to see where the said that over the coming the policy of mass murder of the the crimes were said to have days, the Crown would call



Anthony Sawoniuk, 77, leaving the Old Bailey yesterday. He is charged with murdering four people in Fictoria in 1942

judge) ordered that the jury have the advantage of visiting the scene where these events the 'Final Solution'." took place in order to better understand... the town itself,

Mr Sawoniuk is alleged to have murdered a number of Jews."

the terrain and the site where

been committed. He said: "The Professor Christopher Brown-tended British jurisdiction to ing, "an expert of matters re-lating to the Holocaust and... to

> The trial, which is certain to reopen the debate about whether defendants can receive a fair trial half a century after their alleged crimes, follows the passing in 1991 of the War Crimes Act. The Act ex- and eastern Europe.

cover alleged war crimes committed by non-British nationals in German-controlled territory during the Second World War.

At the time it was estimated there were about 300 possible war criminals in Britain - most of them former members of police units from the Baltic states

In 1996 a case involving Szymon Serafinowicz, who was accused on three specimen charges of murdering Jews in Belarus, collapsed before reaching trial Mr Serafinowicz. 86, who denied the charges, was found to be suffering from Alzheimer's disease, heart problems and cancer. He died

seven months later.

Yesterday the hearing was adjourned at lunchtime to allow the jurors to receive inoculations against hepatitis, typhoid, diphtheria, tetanus and polio in preparation for the visit. The judge warned them to take warm clothes. adding: "This will not be a holiday."

Mike Wheeler

Private school firm to focus on performing arts

THE COMMERCIAL arm of a By JUDITH JUDD specialist school is set to become the first private company to run a British state school.

The education authority in back into Kings' Manor. Surrey said last night that the company 3 E's Enterprises, set up by Kingshurst City Tech-nology College in Solihull in the West Midlands, was in the lead to secure the contract to run Kings' Manor, a failing com-

prehensive school in Guildford.

Education Editor

Any profits will be ploughed

The firm says that it wants to establish a college which will focus on both the performing arts and technology. It said in its bid that it wanted "a high statas college with students rather than pupils.

"The term 'students' will be

ble approach to education that £10m for two schools. we will expect from the young people who attend."

It aims to make Kings' Manor one of the first life-long learning colleges of the 21st century, offering teaching for all age groups.

The firm, which has a panel of experts on academic standards and special needs has the backing of more than 50 spon-

used to indicate the responsi- sors and has already raised legal, financial and education- ity of life of those of all ages in 3 E's was in competition with

CfBT Educational Services, a not-for-profit consultancy and Nord Anglia, a consultancy that runs a string of private schools. careers services, teacher supply agencies and a is supplier of school inspectors.

Surrey council said 3 E's emerged as the leading contender after consultation with

al experts as well as teachers, pupils and parents.

Parents, who were originally unhappy about a takeover by a private company, said that their preference was for 3 E's.
"Kings' Manor is ideally

placed to become one of the first educational establishments of the 21st century which provides life-long learning opportunities to enhance the qualthe area," the company said.

Surrey will pay the company a fee and performance related bonuses for meeting targets for improved exam results. Final details will now be negotiated.

Kings' Manor has places for 900, but is only half full. It is at the bottom of the county's league tables. Only 20 per cent of pupils gained five good GCSEs this year.

fessor of occupational psychology at London University. and Tony Hope, visiting professor of accounting at the French business school IN-SEAD, said yesterday that Government plans to introduce performance related pay for

teachers and marses would not

Professor David Guest, pro-

Actress faces charity fund row

BY CLARE GARNER

PENELOPE KEITH was last night facing calls for ber resignation as president of the Actors' Benevolent Fund. The actress, best-known for her roles in television comedies, was under pressure after the fund settled out of court a claim for wrongful dismissal from its

former general secretary. The agreement spared Ms Keith from having to give evidence to support the sacking of Rosemary Stevens, 48, who

was at the charity for 16 years. Michael Thornton, 58, author and fund supporter, called for Ms Keith, president for nine years, and the executive council to resign. He said it was the second employment tribunal claim to be resolved by the charity in six months. They have chosen not to face the music," he said. "They should all go, and go now, handing over their responsibilities to others with better judgement and a greater sense of accountability to the members and supporters of the Actors' Benevolent Fund."

The acrimonious departure of Mrs Stevens, who held a £28,500-a-year post, last summer plunged the fund into crisis. The institution, founded in 1882, looks after retired and needy members of the theatrical profession. Four of the executive council's 16 members, including Nickolas Grace, who was in Brideshead Revisited, and Angharad Rees, star of

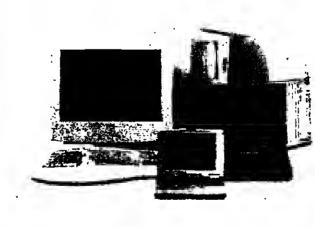
Poldark, resigned in protest. Ms Keith, 58, who starred in BBC Television's The Good Life, left the tribunal in central London without comment, Kathy Pavey, the fund's solicitor, described the settlement as "amicable" and said the terms would remain confidential.

A written statement from the fund council welcomed the settlement, saying: "The fund is running extremely efficiently. work. Professor Hope said that | The president has the support performance related pay was of the whole council and does yesterday's reward system, not intend to resign."

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'Support me' campaign by Livingstone

BY PAUL WAUGH

KEN LIVINGSTONE seized the initiative in his hid to become Mayor of London yesterday when he launched a high-profile public campaign to persuade Tony Blair to allow him to stand as Labour candidate.

In a move that took the party leadership by surprise, the former GLC leader went on the offensive with a full-page newspaper advertisement announcing a "Back Ken" rally to be held next week.

The advert, in the London Evening Standard, will be followed by thousands of leaflets carrying the slogan "Let Ken Livingstone Stand" as the Brent East MP takes his message directly to Londoners and party members.

Mr Livingstone's supporters hope that the campaign will attract enough support to make it too embarrassing for Labour to block him from any party shortlist for the mayoralty.

However, the new publicity blitz was immediately attacked by Blairite loyalists who dismissed it as a "desperate, lastchance" tactic that was likely to

The rally at Central Hall. Westminster, will be backed by the comedian Jo Brand and the pop singer Billy Bragg and will focus a concerted attempt to set up a pro-Ken organisation within each of the 14 districts forming the new Greater London

The advertisement, titled "Read Ken?", uses nine of the MP's recent quotes to counter what he claims is an attempt by Millbank officials to smear him as a dangerous left-winger.

One of the quotes, taken from an open letter to Tony Blair last month, states: "There is simply no question whatever of my seeking to use the mayorship as a platform to wage political warfare against this



The advert in yesterday's Evening Standard', and pop singer Billy Bragg who is backing Ken



from The Independent last November, states: "Personally I am in favour of Labour winning elections, which means selecting candidates from the widest and most representative pool, and taking the troops with you."

The campaign will be funded by public contributions, he said, and appealed for supporters to send him "the price of a pint of lager or a pack of fags each week".

Mr Livingstone stressed yesterday that he wanted to show the Prime Minister the strength of feeling among the ordinary public in the capital. the people is empty prattle."

"This is not my campaign to be Mayor. This is my campaign to be allowed to stand. It is aimed at changing the one vote which really matters, which is Tony Blair's.

"It's ridiculous to think it's been nearly a year since Londoners voted in a referendum and still Labour is not getting its act together and the Tories are off and running."

Labour's strategy was to out the contest "off and off" in the hope that his campaign would self-destruct, he claimed. "I have no intention of self-destructing," he said.

A party spokesman refused to comment on Mr Livingstone's campaign, but Joan Ryan, Labour MP for Enfield North and member of the London Labour Party board, accused him of "childish" tactics. "It is not acceptable. I think the public are fed up with it. He should wait his turn," she said. London's 70,000 Labour

Party members will be asked this autumn to vote on their choice in time for the election m May 2000. But the party leadership is

still wrestling with the problem that it has no mainstream candidate who is likely to beat Mr Livingstone in a one-member, one-vote contest. A selection panel has been appointed by the party's National Executive and is expected to draw up a shortlist after the European elections

Party sources have frequently made plain that the panel will block Mr Livingstone's nomination on the grounds that he has criticised party policy and failed to back the idea of a mayoralty until

Gillian Shephard, the shadow Environment Secretary, said: "If they cannot trust the people of London to choose their own Labour candidate, then their talk about trusting



Ken Livingstone in his Westminster office: 'This campaign is aimed at changing the one vote which matters - Tony Blair's' Neville Elder

Why I'm challenging my party to let me stand for mayor

ment for London should have been nothing but good news for Tony Blair's administration. After 13 years as the only capital city in the western world without a democratically elected government, giving Londoners back the chance to elect and to sack the people running their city was so obviously the right thing to do that in the end the Tories went along with It even though they had to lock Mrs Thatcher in the cellar whilst doing so.

But while the government is doing the right thing, some of

SETTING UP a new govern- Labour's faceless hureaucrats seem intent on screwing it up hy getting involved in a pointless row about who should be Labour's candidate. No doubt with this in mind, the London Labour Party membership at their annual conference last summer voted overwhelmingly that anybody who was nominated by 10 local Labour parties should be included on the final ballot form to choose our candidate. Since then the transport union TGWU has proposed a compromise based on this formula which would

allow Labour to vet those candidates not achieving the 10 nomination quota. Instead of accepting this sensible compro- come mayor, but to allow Lon- polls. In the last poll I even overparty appointees to vet the candidates in private.

Anyone who doubts the neutrality of the party machine had all their worst suspicions confirmed last week when I published an open letter to Tony Blair giving a categorical undertaking that I would not use the mayoralty to undermine the government. Within hours London Labour Party press of-"publicity stunt" aimed at "dup-

LIVINGSTONE

nicest possible way dismissing me as a liar That is why yesterday I

ing party members" and in the

7.30pm next Monday Jo Brand the government and after what ernising the tube system. rally of this campaign at Meth- nomically, it would be madodist Central Hall, Westminster. ness not to let the members

The Millbank Tendency have spent months giving off-therubbishing my record as leader of the GLC. This is a bit odd not mean that we should take given that virtually all the controversial policies that caused such a stir back in 1981 have now become mainstream Labour policy. It's not just the

battle against discrimination over 100 women Labour MPs, a black senior Minister and openly gay Cabinet ministers.

Even our most controversial policy of beginning a dialogue with Sinn Fein is now seen to have been right. What a tragedy that Mrs Thatcher didn't follow our lead and save the thousand lives that were lost in the intervening years.

So far every survey has shown that I am the leading launched a campaign not to be-party political candidate in the has agreed to chair the first may be a rather grim year ecochoose from amongst the strongest contenders. Simply record briefings to journalists because the Tories are currently lagging in the polls does

Londoners' votes for granted. Nor am I merely the first choice of old Labour sentimentalists. Two weeks ago the Evening Standard reported a easy issues of pro-public trans-poll in which 500 company di-

port priorities and democratic rectors were asked to spontacontrol of the police-the GLC's neously name their preferred candidate for mayor, 19 per was a major contribution in win-cent chose me with just 5 per ning the hearts and minds of or- cent each for Jeffrey Archer dinary members. We now have and Richard Branson. Other mayoral contenders lagged behind these poor percentages with fust 1 or 2 per cent.

No one would have predict ed at the height of the GLC that I would lead the field amongst husiness leaders, so what has changed - me or them? The blunt fact is that City bosses depend on a sound public transport system if London is to remain attractive as a site for husiness HQs. It is even more amazing to talk to these captains of industry and discover mise, Clare Short's famous don Labour Party members took Richard Branson. Given that many would be prepared people in the shadows have the right to choose who they that this election will take place to pay a voluntary levy if it was opted instead for a panel of wish as their candidate. At in May 2000, in the mid-term of guaranteed to be spent on mod-

Yesterday's full page advert in the Evening Standard was immediately denounced as an attempt to "bully" my way into the nomination with sinister implications about where the money was coming from. Well. I've spent all the Russian gold and the Libyan petro-dollars, so hopefully the advert will be paid for by the donations of ordinary Londoners who believe it is their right to decide who is mayor and nobody else's.

Noye murder extradition cleared by Spanish court

THREE SPANISH National Court judges yesterday approved the extradition of Britain's most wanted man. Kenneth Noye, who is sought in connection with the M25 roadrage murder in May 1996. Court sources said yesterday that the 36-page ruling in favour of extraditing Mr Noye would be made official when the three judges formally signed it at around midday today.

Mr Noye, who argued vehemently against extradition at a court hearing in Madrid last week, has three days in which to appeal against the decision. If his legal team decide to do so, this would prolong Mr

By ELIZABETH NASH in Madrid

Noye's stay in a jail near Madrid for weeks if not months, until a plenary session of the National Court decides his fate. Otherwise he could be put on a plane within days and handed over to Kent Police, who submitted the extradition request last September

Mr Noye told Madrid's highsecurity court last Monday that he did not want to be extradited because the British media would make it impossible for him to receive a fair trial.

Mr Noye insisted he had nothing to do with the stabbing

to death of Stephen Cameron. Nove skipped Britain shortly 21, on a motorway slip road after Mr Cameron was killed. near Swanley, Kent, nearly

journalists massed behind a trial in Spain, adding: "I've already had my trial in England. by the media."

the early hours of 29 August last year in a dramatic police raid on a restaurant in the southern Spanish town of Barbate near Cadiz. The swoop followed an international manhunt extending from Tenerife to Cyprus which was carried out after Mr

Mr Noye's principal line of three years ago. defence was that the procedure Glaring at dozens of British whereby he was identified, by photograph rather than by hullet-proof glass screen, he identity parade, did not stand up begged to be allowed to stand in Spanish law.

But Spain's chief state prosecutor, Eduardo Fungairino, last week argued that Britain Mr Noye, 51, was arrested in had submitted a watertight extradition plea and had "presented an absolutely convincing account of the events surrounding the stabbing and had come to the conclusion that the crime could have been committed by no other person than

Firms sold 'too many' phones

RECORD MOBILE phone sales over the Christmas period have ber of customer complaints as companies fall victim to their own success, it emerged today.

Mike Caldwell, Vodafone's head of communications, admitted the company had sold "too many" phones over Christmas and was struggling to keep up with calls from customers. He said Vodafone had subjected customers to "totally un-

By Tony Brown

led to a sharp rise in the num- satisfactory" delays in dealing with repairs after being overwhelmed by demand.

There was a threefold increase in total mobile phone sales in the UK in the last quarter of 1998 compared with such as the replacement of the previous year, with some 2.5 million new customers.

"On Christmas Day alone we connected more customers service centre in Birmingham,

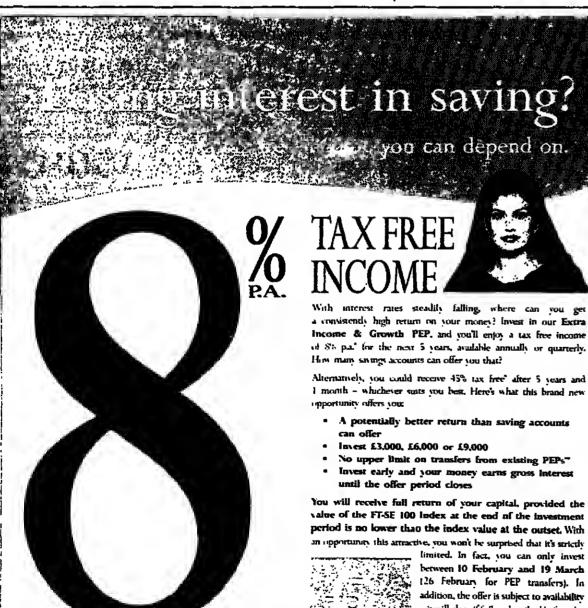
months of 1998, and in the last quarter gained 933,000 more customers," he said.

were having to wait longer to four" operators - Orange, Vodahave payment queries answered, and faced delays of several weeks for simple repairs faulty microchips.

Vodafone confirmed it was recruiting 500 staff for its new than we did in the first four which is to open in March.

said the number of complaints it has received had increased The rush meant subscribers and it was talking to the "big fone, Cellnet and One2One about how they can improve. It is due to publish its first report on the number and nature of

complaints in early summer. An Orange spokesman said customers were having difficulties contacting the company, it regretted the inconvenience.



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BY MICHAEL BRISTOW

A LANGUAGE teacher who forced a 14-year-old boy to lie bare-chested on drawing pins after getting his Spanish homework wrong was jailed for six weeks yesterday. Kevin Hawkins, 40, of Hard-

wicke, near Gloucester, also forced the pupil to walk barefoot across drawing pins. Hawkins was given a threemonth prison sentence, half of which was suspended, after

admitting common assault at South Gloucestershire magistrates' court in Stroud. He was told by Yvonne Cant, one of the magistrates: "You were in a position of trust and authority. At your instruction a pupil who, at the age of 14

must be considered vulnerable. was subjected to a completely unprovoked assault." Martin Setchell, for the prosecution, said Hawkins, a teacher at a school near Stroud. had told the teenager to call at his home last November after the pupil failed to hand in his

Spanish homework on time. He tested the boy on Spanish verbs and told him to perform a forfeit for each one be got wrong. The first was to stand on one leg, the second was to do five press-ups and the third was to walk across drawing pins scattered on a floor.

For the next forfeit, Hawkins told the boy to remove his top and lie bare-chested on the pins. The teenager suffered a minor puncture wound to his chest and reported the matter to his school and police,

were lagging behind. ■ The West's official aid for the Conrad Sheward, for the deworld's poorest countries has fence, said Hawkins had refallen to the lowest level in a signed after the incident. decade, new figures revealed ending a 17-year teaching career. "Teaching can be a very yesterday. And as a proportion of rich countries' income, the fulfilling occupation, but sometimes it can distort the figures have not been smaller development of the teacher," since records began nearly 40 said Mr Sheward.

But, according to Popula-

tion Action International, an in-

dependent United States-based

pressure group, the industri-

alised nations are now con-

tributing less than half their

share. Campaigner Sally Ethel-

ston singled out France and

Italy for particular criticism.

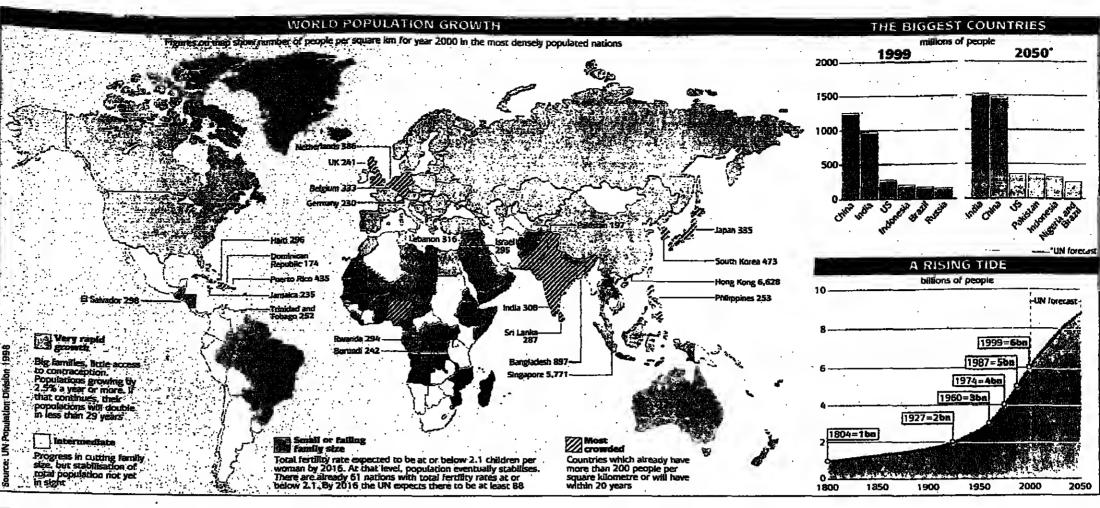
The Scandinavian nations and

the Netherlands had met their

commitments, while the US,

Britain, Japan and Germany

hours with schoolchildren, sometimes you behave like a



World population to top 6 billion ON 12 OCTOBER this year - give charities, campaigning groups and academia, is trying to BY NICHOLAS SCHOON the wife of Ghana's President, agreed on a 20-year plan of acor take a week - the human Jerry Rawlings. Goals, such as rates; if the trend continues

population of Earth will reach six billion. It has risen by a billion in just a dozen years, and almost quadrupled during the 20th century.

The data was presented at a conference yesterday in The Hague as delegates from 180 nations gathered in the Netherlands for the United Nations Hague Forum to debate how to slow the rising tide of human numbers which is still threatening disaster across much of the globe.

Earth has never been so demographically divided. At one extreme, wealthy Western nations where fertility has been falling worry about the strains on their economies imposed by a fastgrowing bulge of elderly, retired people. A group of Eastern European nations and Russia have seen a dramatic decline in birth

their populations will fall fast. At the other extreme is a clutch of developing nations which already rely on food imports and seem entrapped by a

combination of poverty and high population growth and density. Lacking resources, and with nearly all their fertile land in use, the prospects for places such as Bangladesh, Pakistan, Egypt

and Haiti appear bleak. Furthermore, an endless cycle of wars in developing countries is hurting women and drowning out the message that family planning brings social benefits, the conference was told.

"It is pointless to talk about family-planning issues or reproductive health when women are in situations of conflict and genocide," said Nana Rawlings,

universal access to reproductive health services by 2015, were meaningless when women had to struggle to survive, she argued in a keynote speech.

Globally, the growth in human numbers is slowing. Even so, the population will reach 8.9 hillion in 2050, according to the latest forecast of the UN Population Division. And it will not level off until around 2200, by which time there will be nearly 11 billion peo-The slowdown is happening

because women in more and more countries are able to have fewer children, and are choosing to do so. There is a web of causes - higher standards of living, greater access to contraception, changing attitudes and declining infant mortality which gives mothers more reason to believe their babies will survive.



Nana Rawlings: 'Women are struggling to survive'

But big families and overpopulation still stunt hundreds of millions of lives across the world. The Hague Forum, which brings together 1,500 reach agreement on what more needs to be done. Hilary Clinton, the wife of the United States President, will speak there today on her way back to Washington from King Hussein's funeral in Jordan. "Before the dawn of the next

millennium, the six billionth human inhabitant of this planet will be born," the Dutch Health Minister, Els Borst-Eilers, said in an opening speech. The crucial question is to what extent that child will be able to live a dignified, productive and happy life."

The forum is part of the follow up to a huge UN Population Conference held in Cairo five years ago, and a prelude to a larger follow-up conference next month which ministers will attend. An overwhelming madelegates from governments, jority of the world's nations

tion to spread family planning and boost women's health, education and rights - the keys to reducing high fertility rates. The aim was for universal access to affordable reproductive health services by 2015. Since then, there has been

progress, but many pressure groups and delegates from developing countries gathering in The Hague were complaining that most wealthy Western nations had not fulfilled the commitments they made in Cairo. In signing up to that action

plan, nations agreed that the developing and former Communist countries should be spending \$17 bn (£10.7bn) on meeting their commitments by 2000, and \$21.7 bn by 2015. Wealthy, developed countries should meet one-third of this cost, in the form of aid and loans on easy terms.

years ago. An Organisation for "If you spend most of your Economic Co-operation and Development report showed aid in 1997 was \$49.6bn (around £30bn) against \$57.9bn in 1996.

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Darling burbles on and on while backbenchers daydream

SOCIAL SECURITY questions do not normally set the House of Commons on fire and yesterday after-

nooo was no exception. Alistair Darling, the Social Se-curity Secretary, burbled on and on about Green Papers on pensions and Green Papers on fraud.

Dr Ian Gibson (Lab, Norwich North) raised "the Great Yarmouth Project" which baffled most MPs. anomaly" and briefly woke MPs from their daydreaming to fathom this constitutional question when they learned that it was something to do with unscrupulous employers in East Anglia evading national insurance contributions by making wages payments in the form of lun-

cheon vouchers. Stephen Timms, a Social Security minister, seemed to be worried about the dangers to the catering industry by being too antiluncheon voucher.

Questions went from bad to worse with interminable exchanges on the "Single Work Focus Gateway" and the "Benefits Integrity

Ms Oona King (Lab, Bethnal Green and Bow) made us jump wordy, worthy but meaningless when she asked Social security m inister Angela Eagle about "H.R.T" Thinking this was about hormone ed to repeat details already anreplacement therapy Nicholas Soames (Con, Mid-Sussex) looked excited but slumped back with dis-

appointment wheo it turned out to be about the "Habitual Residence

Most MPs (and sketch writers) could not wait for this grinding tedium to end in the hope of something hetter to come.

But further disappointment lay in store as Paul Boateng, Home Office minister was dispatched, as the Government office boy to make a statement on a "National Strategy for Carers". Mr Boateng proceednounced elsewhere by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minis-



BROWN

Such is the Government's determination to seek good headlines that it recycles the same announcement in different places

isters. Last June Tony Blair announced plans for a National Strategy. Yesterday the "Strategy" was published. No doubt later in the year we shall have a consultation paper on the "Strategy". Next year the results of the consultation will. be announced and the following year (probably election year) the "Strat-

egy" will be finally implemented. From Mr Boateng there was much talk of initiatives, packages, objectives and yet more "strategies" all of which would help carers.

What practical difference will be made to the unsung army of carers he told the minister that it was "all was still open to doubt by the end

hashed an extra £750 million which had already been announced weeks ago in the local authority financial £140 million hut close listening showed that this was to be spread no more than £20 million for the

forthcoming year. He appeared irritated when Philip Hammond (Con, Runnymede & Weybridge) cast doubt on the "gap between the rhetoric and the reality". Mr Hammond worked Mr Boateng into an angry lather when jam tomorrow, nothing today".

The Liberal Democrat spokes man Paul Burstow (Sutton & Cheam) made generally cooing noises in favour of the announcestatement. There was an extra ment but suggested, rather effectively, that the sum total of the statement was worth no more than over three years and amounted to an extra 15p a week to each carer. At this Mr Boateng got seriously uppity. "Call me partisan but it would have been nice to have just a word of appreciation for the £496,000 to his local authority."

Mr Boateng should be grateful to the Liberal Democrats for their response, because I suspect that most carers will rightly be similar-

Ministers seek to head off benefits revolt

ALISTAIR DARLING, the Sec- SOCIAL SECURITY retary of State for Social Security, last night sought to head off a backbench revolt over cuts in benefits by strongly defending the reforms which will

be reinforced by a new Bill. Social security ministers have been hriefing selected groups of Labour MPs to avert a rebellion when the Government's Welfare Reform Bill is to help people but in turn, they published tomorrow to establish a "single gateway" for claimants to seek work.

Mr Darling also yesterday refused to deny a report in the Saturday Independent that the Chancellor planned to tax child benefit for those on the higher tax rate of 40 per cent in his Budget on 9 March, but to soften the blow by raising the benefit.

Leading members of the Campaign Group of left-wing Labour MPs are ready to oppose the tax on child benefit, but those on the centre-left said last night that they would support it on the grounds that it would

tax the rich to protect the poor. The possible tax came under fierce attack by Francis Maude. the shadow Chancellor, who ter service help lift burdens on

BY COLIN BROWN AND

SARAH SCHAEFER burden on hard-working fami-

lies by stealth". But Mr Darling insisted the Bill would introduce a new culture into the benefits system. "There is oo unconditional right to benefit. We will do something have got to do something to help

themselves," he said. Earlier, Mr Darling coofirmed that ministers were looking at the abolition of benefits for convicted offenders, as "a matter of social justice".

Iain Duncan Smith, the Tory social security spokesman, dismissed the proposals as "quite a small move". In the Commons, Mr Darling

announced that Treasury ministers were taking over responsibility for national insurance contributions (NICs) policy from his own department in April. The change, comhined with transferring NIC administration to the Inland Revenue, would provide a betcountability to MPs, he said.

But Frank Field, the former minister for welfare reform, said the "fundamental change" would practically abolish Mr Darling's department. The MP for Birkenhead said: "We are talking about half your budget and the policy decisions are now going to be determined in the Treasury."

However in the second reading debate on the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions) Bill, Mr Darling said: "Any talk of the end of the DSS is premature. What we are talking about is ensuring that those responsible for policy and operations... should be housed under one roof." He said it would simplify the distinction between policy and operations." ■ Iain Duncan Smith said the New Deal programme to get ione parents back to work had been a failure, with a "strike rate" of people going back intowork of just over 5 per cent, at a cost of £15,000 per job. Replying, Angela Eagle, Social Secu-rity minister, said 88,662 letters had been sent to lone parents up to December, 27,231 joined the dismissed the plans as a "tax business and provide clear ac- scheme and 5,881 found jobs.



Andrew Smith, Employment minister, at the Graduate Fair, Olympia exhibition centre, London Mark Chilvers

Hurd joins Lords review

BY COLIN BROWN

Chief Political Correspondent

LORD HURD, the former foreign secretary, was last night named as the second former minister to serve on the Royal Commission on Lords Reform in a move to silence the Tory

Lord Hurd's presence on the Commission alongside the chairman, Lord Wakeham, the former chief whip in the Thatcher government, will make it difficult for the Conservative leadership to criticise the final report for party political bias.

Labour MPs were surprised by the inclusion in the list of Bill Morris, the general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, busy with management changes at the Rover Longbridge plant. Lady Dean and Gerald Kaufman, the sharp-tongued chairman of the Commons select committee on Culture, Media and Sport are the other key Labour appointments, made by Tony Blair.

Their task will be to recommend long term changes to the Lords in a report to the Government before the end of the year. The issues will include whether or not the Lords should be directly elected.

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Cook to stand by officials in row over Sierra Leone

ROBIN COOK will stand by his senior officials today as they

BY FRAN ABRAMS come under fierce criticism in an official report on the arms to Sierra Leooe affair.

The Foreign Secretary will decide after seeing the report John yesterday at a regular whether a personal statement in defence of his permanent secretary, Sir John Kern is necessary, officials said.

A British firm of mercenaries, Sandline International, shipped arms to the exiled government of Ahmed Tejan Kabbah in breach of a UN embargo but escaped prosecution. They claimed Foreign Office officials knew of their activities.

Westminster Correspondent

An aide to Mr Cook said he discussed the issue with Sir meeting. On the basis of leaks about the report he felt it would be wrong for officials to be subjected to new criticism. "This inquiry does not appear to have uncovered new facts which would change the central findings of Legg. There was no connivance, oo cover-up. That's why he feels it would be unfair

port from the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee. Members were angered by his refusal to answer their questions while another inquiry, by Sir Thomas Legg, was contin-uing. The MPs also became embroiled in a dispute with the Foreign Office last summer over access to telegrams sent by British officials who fled Sierra Leone in May 1997 after a coup. The committee's inquiry was refused permission to interview the head of MI6. Sir David Spedding, and faced For-eign Office resistance over acto officials to put them through

Sir John will receive the most severe criticism in the re- David gave evidence instead to which meets in private.

The committee's report will be far more hard-hitting than the inquiry by Sir Thomas, which reported in July Sir John will be held largely responsible for failings in his department, though some other officials, including Britain's High Commissioner to Sierra Leone, Peter Penfold, will be treated more gently. Although he lunched with Sandline representatives, the committee felt he was not given enough support after the coup.

QUESTIONS AND

ANSWERS People taking shorter breaks

SHORT BREAKS accounted for 53 per cent of bolidays taken within the United Kingdom in 1997 and have increased by 18 per cent since 1994, Janet Anderson, the minister for tourism,

Jail shake-up THE MEDICAL service at Holloway women's prison, in north London, is undergoing a shake-up after an internal inquiry found "serious shortcomings",

minister Organic Dome

said George Howarth, the Home Office

VISITORS to the Millennium Dome in Greenwich will be able to purchase food free of genetically modified products, said Janet Anderson, the minister for tourism.

Hague rejects green tax plans

come down against the Chanceller's plans for piling higher taxes on motorists as part of a green strategy for reducing green taxes, you put up costs, pollution and getting more people on public transport.

ing jobs by raising taxes on company cars. As Gordon Brown prepares to increase the taxes on mo-

duced as part of a low taxation The Chancellor is expected to annotance a change in the way he taxes company cars from the cost of the vehicle to penalising large cars with poor fuel efficiency. He has already announced his intention of

charging owners of small engined cars £50 less than the £150 Mr Hague will tell a business environment awards ceremony: "There is a fundamental problem with green taxes. They are not what husiness-

WILLIAM HAGUE today will ENVIRONMENT BY COLIN BROWN just impose more and more

make Britain less competitive and destroy people's jobs and The Conservative leader will livelihoods. warn against increasing the "This is not what my party, taxes on firms, which risk los- or any positive blue-green agenda, should be about. I sup-

port the principle that the tax-ation system can be used to achieve environmental objectorists in bis Budget on tives, but my party and I do not 9 March, Mr Hague will call for and will not support environenvironmental measures inmental taxes if they are merecluding tax breaks to be introly used as an excuse to raise the level of taxation overall." Mr Hague is positioning the

Tory Party to reap the votes of motorists and as the "motorists' friend", but it could come unstuck if the Government's wider environmental agenda proves popular. Some senior ministers believe that the public will be prepared to pay higher taxes if they are convinced it is in a good cause, such as taking traffic off roads.

Mr Hague will argue: "We should only use taxation to achieve environmental objectives as part and parcel of a low men call 'win-win'. For if you



Patients could be in danger

PATTENTS COULD be put in danger because there is no legal requirement for doctors to be able to speak English, Lord Astor of Hever, a Tory peer

MEP's apology

TOM SPENCER, the disgraced Conservative MEP, spoke of his extraordinary foolishness" in a personal statement to the European Parliament.

Business today Commons, 2.30pm:

Questions on the Environment, Transport and the Regions. Employment Relations Bill, second reading. Lords: 2.30pm: Health Bill. second reading. Debate on university rented students'

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Thousands of young carers to get help

UP TO 50,000 schoolchildren By Louise Jury may look after elderly, sick or disabled members of their families vet many receive no support, the Government admitted yesterday. Announcing the first strategy to help Britain's estimated six million carers, the Government said young carers were potentially among "the

most disadvantaged". But the previous lack of action meant the scale of the oroblem was unknown. A new question in the national census in 2001 will be used to establish exactly how many children and adults are affected. In a joint statement by government ministers yesterday, Paul Boateng, Margaret Hodge, Hilary Armstrong and John Hutton promised to achieve a change in society so that the needs of people looking after elderly or disabled relatives were ad-

dressed More than 850,000 people are estimated to provide care for more than 50 hours a week and three-fifths receive no regular visitor-support services. Existing services were "patchy", the Government admitted. The Prime Minister, in a foreword to the new strategy document, Caring About Carers, wrote of his own experi-

watched my own mother care for my father after he had a stroke. Like her, there are now many people-daughters, sons, parents, relatives, friends and neighbours - who give help and support in many, many ways to those they're caring for," Mr Blair said.

Many schoolchildren have to shoulder tha responsibility of caring for a relative singlehandedly. Kathy Bell, 19, looked after her wheelchair-bound mother until she left home to go to university. Although her mother, Ritva, tried to give her a normal life, being a carer affected her school work, her emotional health and her social life, Ms Bell said at the launch of the Government's national strategy for carers at Downing Street yesterday.

"It was an emotional strain more than anything. I did the shopping, fetching and carrying, but I always felt very guilty for wishing mum would get better. It was just the lack of having a parent around the house and company in the evening that was hard. She tried to give me as normal a childhood as possible."

Ms Bell cared for her

her early 50s, until she left her home in Cranleigh, Surrey, to

study drama and English. Then she was forced, reluctantly to leave her mother in the care of social services. She still telephones her daily, however, and visits her every week and during the holidays.

Among the measures announced by the Government yesterday were £140m to provide respite care. Mr Boateng. who launched the inquiry into carers last June, said the aim was to provide relief for a few hours a week and also for longer periods of respite care.

He called for more carerfriendly employment measures, similar to those already introduced for working mothers and announced proposals for "personal advisers" to help carers keep in touch with the iohs market and return to work once they have finished caring.

There is also a long-term commitment to make amends for loss of pensions contributions by adding up to £50 a week in today's terms, to carers' pensions by 2050. Margaret Hodge said that

although young carers would benefit from some of these measures, they also had par-



John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, with Kathy Bell, one of the carers who visited Downing Street for yesterday's launch

school with completing homework and lack of time for play

or sport activities. They also feared that if they highlighted their problems they would be taken into care themselves and needed to be reassured that they could and should ask for help.

Ms Hodge said the Govern-Many suffered problems at ment wanted to provide greater

support and, with the help of first time we have had a com- Action Group, which lobbied teachers and GPs, identify those not currently receiving it. David Butler, of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, said the strategy provided a good basis for action. "But the real test will be whether it is

implemented at local level." Francine Bates, of the Carers' National Association, welcomed the strategy. "This is the

mitment by the Government to funding and services," she said. The association was concerned as to whether the money would be enough and how consistently the services would be de-

principles were sound. Margaret Coombs, of the Oxfordshire Community Care

livered and monitored, but the

Parliament yesterday over £4m of cuts to the Oxfordshire social services hudget, said the financial problems councils were facing across the country made a "nonsense" of the carers' strategy.

Ms Bell said she hoped that others would get the support

ticular, she noted the idea of mentors or adults forming a link between school and home to give young carers someone to talk to. "This strutegy is almost 12 years too late for me. hut I hope it helps other young people caring for disabled parents." Ms Bell said.

Blair's caring, sharing family comes to aid of the party

Political Correspondent

TONY BLAIR backed the new carers strategy yesterday with a highly personal account of his own family's experience of support for an elderly relative.

Before he flew to Jordan for King Hussein's funeral, the Prime Minister told BBC Radio 4's Today programme that his late mother, Hazel, had spent years as a carer for his grandmother. Sally Corscaden. My mother looked after her

mother when she developed seof it," Mr Blair revealed.



nile dementia and all the rest Tony Blair with his parents, Hazel and Leo. His mother spent years caring for his grandmother

selves as carers. My mother the same way about it," he he had realised "there are milwould have been quite sur- said. It was only in later life, lious of people out there who prised at heing given that title. when he started considering are carers, who have Most people in that position feel the matter in policy terms, that problems as a result".

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port a newspaper to the Press Complaints Commission over a report about his daughter Kathryn's schooling, Mr Blair's remarks may come as a surprise. However, his comments about his mother are just the latest example of prime minison his political thinking of his family background. In his crucial Labour Party

guards the privacy of his fam-

ily, a stance that led him to re-

conference speech before the general election he departed from his script to relate how his father Leo's stroke had forced him to abandon his own politi-

With Mr Blair senior sitting in the front row with other members of the family, the

For a man who jealously Labour leader moved his aubis experience again last year dience almost to tears with a description of how his character had been shaped by the illness that forced his father, a barrister to abandon hopes of becoming a Tory MP. "One morning I woke to be

told that he had had a stroke in the middle of the night and might not live through the day, terial candour about the impact and my whole world fell apart," he said.

The Prime Minister used

better deal for sufferers. He was 10 when his father had his stroke at the age of 40. "Stroke often receives far too little attention when compared to the other big killer illnesses," he said. "I know from personal experience it is an enormous problem, which has a profound

when he launched a campaign

by the Stroke Association for a

ffect on people's lives." In March 1997, Mr Blair reCherie had died from breast cancer, as he announced Labour's pledge that no woman would have to wait more than a fortnight for surgery to tackle the disease. "I know how it can hit a fam-

vealed that an aunt of his wife

ensure that the NHS will provide the best quality and most appropriate care in these circumstances.'

In February 1998, Mr Blair

Millennium Dome with an announcement that its contents would have to pass the "Euan test" and satisfy his 13-year-old son. Dismissing the "cynics and snipers", he said: "I want today's children to take from it ily terribly," he said. "I want to an experience so powerful and memories so strong that it gives them that abiding sense of purpose and unity that stays with them through the rest of

Air-rage trial told of insults by two drunken policemen

IT IS not only the quantity of al- BY CLARE GARNER cohol, but also the quality of inflight movie that can trigger air rage, it seems. Two policemen on board a transatlantic flight appeared in court yesterday accused of intimidating and verbally abusing fellow passengers after consuming copious amounts of gin and whisky -

Inspector Gareth Perrett, 49. and his son, Constable Richard Perrett, 26, who both serve with the West Yorkshire force, referred to two elderly widows as "dykes" and mocked them for not watching the British hit film about male strip-

pers, it was alleged yesterday. One of their alleged victims. Helen Bartlett, 78, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire,

Patients call

br in dange

"They called us 'dykes' and that upset me greatly because my husband had not been dead very long ... When the film came on I was not interested in it because it was The Full Monty, but they were laughing uproariously about the film and they started to get personal.

and watching a screening of They started to say, Why aren't these watching in front?" and 'Why aren't they having a drink?' We were immediately in front of them. One of the men had their feet across the aisles and women had step over him. One of the men remarked: I wouldn't mind getting her between my loins'.

Ian Metcalfe, for the prosecution, said of the defendants:

that may be just boorish can become distressing and even threatening for persons who have no choice but to be in close proximity for a considerable period of time."

Insp Perrett and his son were arrested in February last year, with their friend Peter Beck, 55, a publican, shortly after the Britannia Airways Boeing 767 touched down at Manchester airport. The three men, from Halifax, West Yorkshire, had been on a golfing holiday in Florida. Yesterday they pleaded not guilty to drunkenness on an aircraft.

Mr Metcalfe said the drinks served on the flight were not the defendants' "only source of hquor". "One passenger saw "It may be that their behaviour Richard Perrett in possession told Manchester Crown Court: was not assisted by the choice of a litre bottle of gin he was

of in-flight movie ... Behaviour handing out amongst his group." As the seven-and-a half-hour flight went on the three defendants' behaviour deteriorated "They became more noisy and rowdy and their behaviour became abusive and aggressive towards other passengers who

complained," Mr Metcalfe said. The second complainant, 71year old Betty Bailey, of Wakefield, West Yorkshire, told the court the defendants had started drinking before the aircraft took off. "They were bragging and showing off ... I think they were all trying to intimidate us."

The two women were eventually given new seats. The three men, who refused to surrender their passports when asked to do so by a stewardess, only quietened down after the pilot had spoken to them.

'n Valentine's Day, who really wants to pull the petals off a daisy to find out if they're loved.

Council staff claim equal pay

BRITAIN'S BIGGEST union BY BARRIE CLEMENT yesterday launched a campaign for equal pay on behalf of up to a million women who .

union, warned that while it wanted to close the "massive gulf" in pay by negotiation, it would also resort to court

After years of campaigning, employees' representatives said vesterday that women were prepared to be patient, negotiation. "but they can't wait for ever".

Labour Editor

A leading lawyer working work for local authorities. It for the union calculated that £20m in compensation and could cost the Government the practice of paying bonus- hack pay. There are half a single biggest employer of hundreds of millions of es to employees in male- dozen more cases in the women in Britain - of the 1.4 dominated occupations, but pipeline and the union says million employees, nearly one Unison, the public service not to those where women were in the majority could cost ministers devote substantial groups involved in the drive for local authorities up to a billion funds to deal with the problem. pounds. The union believes that some authorities could be national officer, said: "We want clerks, school-meals workers, driven into bankruptcy if they

local authorities more than we will take court action."

adopted the payment hut they that inequality in pay is a very and care assistants. The union argued that the total figure serious problem. Money needs could be kept down through to be made available to local authorities earn only 78 per The union has recently anomaly. We would prefer to male colleagues.

backed four cases on behalf of negotiate, but the Government school-meals workers and and local anthorities should nursery nurses, which cost be in no doubt that ultimately

Local government is the there will be others unless million are female. Among the equality are home-care work-Heather Wakefield, Unison ers, secretaries, typists, the Government to recognise nursery nurses, cleaning staff estimates that women in local authorities to rectify the cent of the amount paid to

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trial enters final

Jordan waits nervously as vultures circle AS THE solemn procession of BY PATRICK COCKBURN world leaders walked past the in Amman body of King Hussein yesterday, many must have remembered Netanyahu - a man Mr Rabin they had attended a similar cerdetested - to be premier and elected a partiament opposed to emony 60 miles away across the peace terms with the Palestin-Jordan river in Jerusalem just ians that Mr Rabin had signed. over three years ago. It is an uminous precedent. People in Jordan were flat-

In 1995, it was King Hussein himself who was among the

leading mnurners to stand by the coffin of Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Israeli prime minister Yesterday it was his turn to receive the same tributes to a "visionary and peace-maker".

One Jordanian said nervously that he hoped King Hussein's political legacy would last longer than Mr Rabin's.

Six months after the latter's Fath Saribas death, Israelis chose Benjamin

tered by the sight of President Bill Clinton and three former United States leaders at their king's funeral, along with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia and a host of world figures.

In the longer term, however, Jordanians have an acute sense of the vulnerability of their country. While cameras zoomed in on weeping mourners, the real mood is of anxiety about the future as much as grief for the dead monarch.

Jordanians understand that King Hussein never had much room to manoeuvre. He ruled a small country surrounded by more powerful neighbours. When asked once why he had grown a beard, he replied: "I grew it because it's one of the few decisions I can take without having to ask somebody else if it's OK to go ahead."

His ceaseless diplomatic activity stemmed from this position of weakness. He needed to insert himself into every problem in the Middle East, win for Jordan an influence it could not command through its own strength, and prevent his coun-

as that of Yasser Arafat, al-Palestinian leader's reputation for untrustworthiness. Neither and was seen as an Arab defeat. had many political cards in his hand. Both balanced uneasily between the needs of their own people and the demands of 1989, the King had granted outside powers. Both switched greater freedom of expression alliances repeatedly. They cultivated the US, but tried to the mid-1990s, these policies avoid becoming its pawn. Neither was entirely successful.

The King sought to hold the line between Arab nationalism part of the media have resultand the need to conciliate Israel and keep the US friendly. It was ultimately a defensive policy. He needed to ensure that Jordan was not cut out of Israeh-Pales tinian negotiations, but not to the point where Palestinians thought he was presenting himself as their sole leader.

His ambivalent policies were not only the result of the ever- sonally moderate and skilful at present threats facing Jordan from Israel, Iraq, Syria and Saudi Arabia. About 60 per cent of its population is of Palestinian origin. Some years ago, an academic survey found that Palestinians resented the fact that citizens of Jordanian stock controlled most government jobs and all sensitive military and security posts. They felt under-represented and discriminated against.

Jordanians, meanwhile, re-

sent Palestinian control of business. They fear a further influx of Palestinian refugees, following the 350,000 expelled from Kuwait who came to Jordan in 1991. They see Palestinians with Jordanian citizenship as ungrateful and having dual loyalty to Jordan and the Palestinian leadership.

In Jordan, every change in its complicated relations with its neighbours has the potential to create a crisis between its two main population groups.

There is a further problem. Broadcasts yesterday stressed that King Hussein was much loved by his people. This is true. But the commentators forbore to mention that his popularity was at its peak in 1991 when he maintained a friendly neutrality towards President Saddam Hussein of Iraq during the Gulf War. Official policy and the popular mood were for once at one.

It could not last. Jordan was diplomatically isolated. The US president, George Bush, would not even see King Hussein. James Baker, the then secretary of state, told the monarch: "It's a tough row to hoe to repair Jordan's relationship with the United States."

In fact it was repaired more quickly than he thought. The US needed Jordan to deal with Israel and the Palestinians. King Hussein signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994. A year later, try becoming the victim of he broke definitively with Sadevents it could not control. dam. He felt, rightly, that he had dam. He felt, rightly, that he had His dilemma was the same no choice. But neither move was popular at home. The though the king escaped the treaty with Israel was commonly called "the King's peace"

> An anti-Iraqi and pro-Israeli policy abroad meant less tolerance of dissent at home. In and more democracy. From went into reverse. In the past two years, a stringent press law and government ownership of ed in many Jordanians turning again to foreign broadcasts for their information.

> King Hussein could get away with veering between democ racy and repression - mild though it was by regional standards - because Jordanians believed at heart that he knew what he was about. He was perconciliating enemies. It is by no means clear that his son, King Abdullah, will have such leeway to conduct such an unpopular

foreign policy. Jordan sees itself as surrounded by vultures, with those from Israel and Iraq considered the most predatory. Yesterday, these powerful neighbours were on their best behaviour. But both are quick to sense political weakness and equally merciless in exploiting it.

US moves to protect key ally

By ANDREW MARSHALL in Washington

THOUGH THE United States had known King Hussein's days were numbered, it responded to his death with grief and some concern. Jordan has been a key player in the US-sponsored Middle East peace process; it has been a key regional ally, and any instability will endanger Israel. America's firmest ally in the Middle East.

When President Bill Clinton brought King Hussein to the Wye Plantation in Maryland for peace talks last year there was admiration for him and a belief he could apply moral

Yesterday, Mr Clinton was to meet King Abdullah, his successor, in an attempt to main-package early. tain continuity and strike a similar relationship.

But there was no doubt in Washington that, whatever his strengths, the new king would not be able to play the same role as his father in the talks,

King Hussein's personal commitment, his history of engagement on both sides of the conflict and his personal relationships with some of the key figures on the Israeli and Palestinian sides will not be

matched. At the weekend, the White House issued an unusual statement saying "the United States

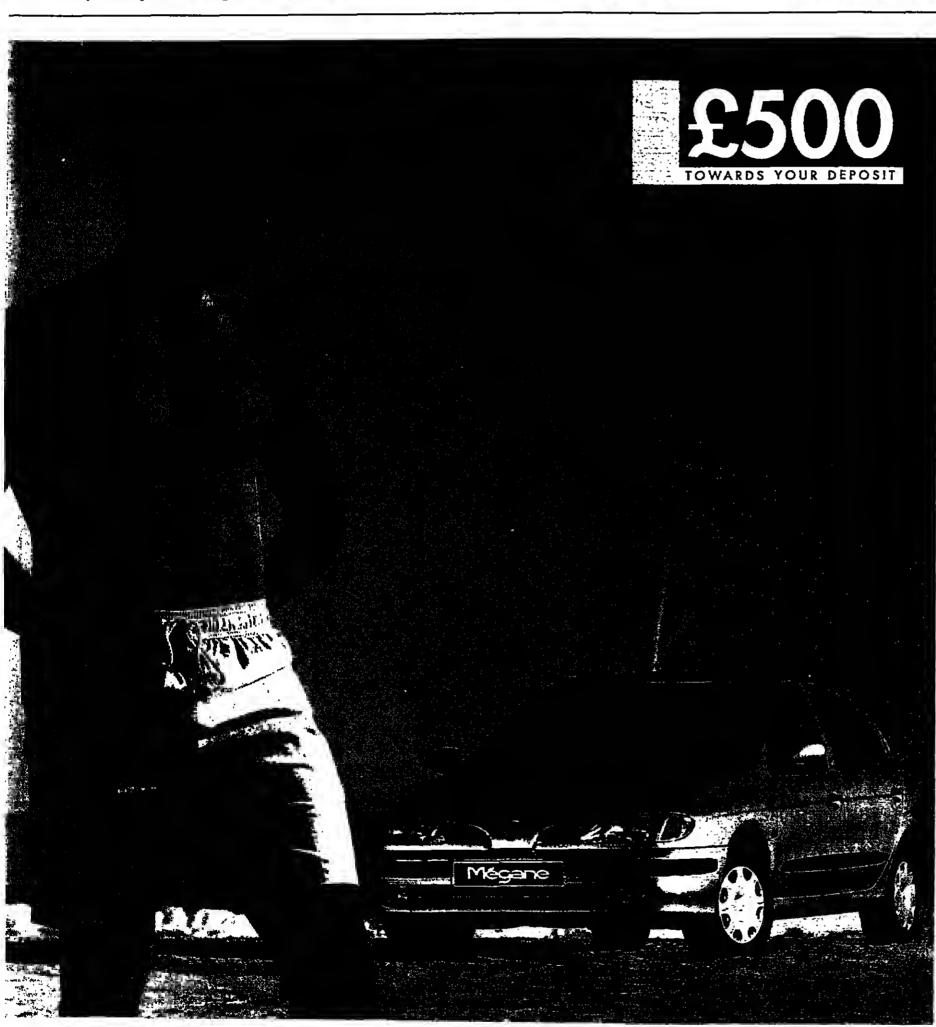


Berger: Hands-off warning

stands by Jordan and is deter-mined to do all that it can to support and strengthen it." It promised to speed up aid to Amman, and asked Congress to release part of a \$300m (£187m)

But the White House words also contained an implicit offer of military support. Jordan is surrounded by potentially hostile neighbours - Israel, Syria and Iraq.

Sandy Berger, the President's National Security Adviser, has also made comments designed to head off any regional threat, saying that any at-tempt to interfere in Jordan would be a "grave mistake". However, when Jordan was threatened in 1970 by Syrian tanks, the US suggested using Israeli aircraft rather than its own to deter them.



Jordanian boy holds a portrait of King Hussein as the monarch's coffin is carried through Amman for burial yesterday

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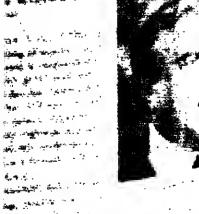
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puts ex-ministers in the dock AND STEVE CONNOR Science Editor

THE SCANDAL over who was to hlame for supplying HIVcontaminated blood in the Eightes reopens today in a trial that could rock the French political system and will have grave implications for a Cambridge University professor.

The former Socialist prime minister Laurent Fabius and two of his ministers appear before a special court in Paris, charged with manslaughter. They are accused of bowing to commercial pressure to permit HIV-infected blood to remain in use in the French health service for five months after the danger to patients was established in 1985.

The trial is being watched closely by Jean-Pierre Allain, who is professor of transfusico medicine at Cambridge and a former honorary director of the local blood transfusion service. He has been called as a witness due to his role - and earlier conviction - for supplying HIV-contaminated blood products to French haemophil-

Professor Allain, former head of research for the French hlood transfusion service, may exercise his right not to appear at the trial on grounds he faces the possibility of a further case to answer the more serious allegations of poisoning patients.

Professor Allain, 56, served a two-year sentence for the lesser charge of "fraudulent description of goods", a legal nicety used to describe how be knowingly supplied untreated blood products to haemophiliacs.

The latest trial involves two ex-ministers, both retired from politics, accused of allowing the transfusion service to use old stock for haemophiliacs, gratia university payments. even though it was known they could be contaminated with HIV. As a direct result, it is alleged, seven people were infected unnecessarily with the Aids virus. Five have died. These are sample charges. It is estimated 350 people in France were unnecessarily infected with HIV after the first clear

It will be the first to be heard hy the new Cour de Justice de la République, in which erring ministers are tried by judges and fellow politicians.

If convicted, the ex-ministers



Allain: Guilty at earlier trial and facing new case

ics say the trial is another example of bow far the country has turched from a climate of immunity for politicians to a potentially equally undemocratic era of "government by judges". The blood saga, which caused profound revulsion against the political establishment, is one reason for the change.

The controversy has already produced two criminal trials of officials and doctors, four of whom were sentenced to jail for providing contaminated goods. including Professor Allain.

In another development, an investigating magistrate is expected this week to recommeod that a charge of "poisoning" should be brought against Professor Allain and 16 other officials and doctors.

He has been supported by senior colleagues, including Robin Carrell, who, as bead of Cambridge's haematology department, was responsible for recommending his appointment. Professor Allain received his full professorial salary of £37,000 while in jail, which was initially paid out of NHS funds via the now-defunct East Anglian Regional Blood Transfusion Service, and then by ex

The transfusion service. aware of the potential embarrassment of employing a senior scientist who was a convicted criminal, set up in 1985 an "independent" inquiry, led by Baroness Warnock, into Professor Allain's actions.

The inquiry, which met three times and interviewed one wit- August 1985. ness other than Professor Al-The trial will be the first for lain, concluded there was no formed his superiors of the half a century in which former reason to believe be was unfit risk from contaminated blood ministers are brought to book to bold office "and that the

Allain direct access to patients. blood test to check doors. "He is now employed by the uniface up to five years' jail. Crit- versity. He no longer is hon- bott, was already marketing an ministrative detail.



The former French prime minister Laurent Fabius, who with two ex-ministers goes on trial today over the HIV-blood scandal

orary director of the transfesion HIV test but the French govservice," a spokeswoman said yesterday.

It appears one of his next appointments could be as a witness in the trial of Mr Fabius and the others.

Mr Fabius was the youngest prime minister in French history when appointed by the late President François Mitterrand in 1984 at the age of 38. It is alleged that he agreed or failed to prevent a deliberate delay in the systematic HIV testing of blood owned by the French health system from March to

Professor Allain said be inprison, the transfusion service which could eliminate the risk has refused to allow Professor of HIV infection, and an Aids

An American company, Ab-

ernment came under intense lobbying pressure to refuse the American product and allow time for a French company, Diagnostics Pasteur, to develop a rival test

Scandal of Aids transfusions

The commercial implications, for sales of the test not just in France but throughout the world, are said to have been

In a statement to the National Assembly on 19 June expensive but HIV-contami-1985, Mr Fabius announced that all blood samples would be screened immediately.

were known from March and that the tests were not actually applied until August. It is alproducts in January 1985 but . leged that Mr Fabius either for political decisions in office. public may be assured of his that his warnings were ignored. condoned this delay or that he commitment to good practice". France had yet to introduce was negligent in failing to pre-Since his release from beat-treated blood products, ventit. The former prime minister, now president (speaker) of the National Assembly, says it was impossible for him to keep abreast of this level of ad-

nated stocks of blood products for haemophiliacs. reened immediately.

It was this policy for which
Professor Allain, then deputy

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Georgina Dufoix, who was so-

cial affairs minister at the time,

and Edmood Hervé, junior

health minister, are also ac-

cused of conniving at, or failing

in their duty to prevent, this

delay. They are also accused of

having ultimate responsibility

for the decisions of the blood

transfusion service - the Cen-

tre National de Transfusion

Sanguine (CNTS) - to use up

The two former ministers, head of the CNTS, was convicted and jailed. Today's trial will take place,

controversially, not in a court room nor even in parliament hut in a conference room just off the Etoile normally used for large diplomatic gatherings. The three accused will be judged by 12 MPs - seven from the centre-right and five from the left - and three judges. Families of the victims will give evidence but they are, otherwise, not allowed to take part in the proceedings or to appoint lawyers to defend their interests in court.

For all these reasons the victims' families have dismissed the proceedings in advance as a whitewash. The three defendants, supported by senior politicians and commentators on both sides of the political divide, have criticised the trial as a dangerous invasion of politics by the judiciary, Any political failings, they say, should be judged by the electorate, not a part-pobbical, part-judicial court. Ms Dufoix has admitted political negligence but, in a celebrated phrase, says she regards herself as "responsible but not guilty".

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Farmers ransack **Paris** ministry

BY JOHN LICHFIELD

SCORES OF farmers smashed up the office of the French environment minister yesterday. throwing furniture and documents into the street and roughing up police and officials in the worst political violence seen in Paris for several years.

Another agricultural mob attacked the élite civil service college, the Ecole Nationale d'Administratioo (ENA). spreading manure and flour and burling paving stones at the police. More than 200 farmers were arrested. Police said 15 would be kept in cells overnight and probably charged.

The demoostrators were protesting against planned cuts in guaranteed EU farm prices and against plans by the Environment Minister, Dominique Voynet, to tax agricultural pesticides and weed killers. Ms Voynet, leader of the French green party, is a hate figure in rural France because of her drive to implement EU-wide rules on the shooting of migratory birds.

She was away at the time but her office was laid waste and members of her staff were physically assaulted and ahused. The French Prime Minister. Lionel Jospin, issued a statement last oight coodemning "this violeoce with the greatest possible firmness.". He said the ringleaders would be prosecuted and called on farm unions, due to meet him today, to disassociate themselves from "such agitation",

The national leaderships of the unions immediately did so but the demonstrators claimed to be acting with the blessing of local branches of farming unions, and the young farmers' movement, in the cereal belt around Paris and in the western part of the Loire valley.

About 100 farmers burst into the environment ministry just before hunchtime, taking the few police guards at the gate by surprise. Hurling corn and flour, they charged to the fifth floor and ripped the door to the minister's office off its hinges. Staff were roughed up and insulted, and papers and chairs were thrown from the windows.

Cook applies pressure at Kosovo peace talks

MORE KILLINGS were report- BY RUPERT CORNWELL ed in Kosovo yesterday as Robin Cook, Foreign Secretary, and his French counterpart, Hubert Vedrine, prepared to return today to peace negotiations being beld oear Paris.

The pair, who are co-chairing the talks, aim to throw their personal weight behind a process that is showing omicous signs of settling into diplomatic trench warfare. Last night, after a second

doors at the former royal chateau at Rambouillet, there was no sign of a breakthrough. The Serbs and the ethnic Albanians were re-iterating old demands: Belgrade wants a public statement by the Kosovo Albanians that Yugoslavia's borders will not change; the lat-

ter seek a formal ceasefire.

Both requests have crucial importance. A pledge of unchanged borders would amount to recognition that the Serbian province will not become independent. A ceasefire would constitute acknowledgement by the Serbs of the separatist Kosovo Liberation Army.

five more killings in separate full day of talks behind closed which is populated mainly by ethnic Albanians. Details of the suspicion was strong that the bloodshed - like a bomb which killed three people in Kosovo's capital, Pristina, oo Saturday - was aimed at de-

and Mr Vedrine to go back to Rambouillet did not signify that the discussions had run into major problems. They predicted that enough progress would be registered by the weekend

The Cook-Vedrine mission is likely to be followed by a visit As these positions were set out once more, word came of States Secretary of State, and by a ministerial meeting of the parts of the troubled province Contact Group of leading powers, to review progress. No one is pretending that the

into a second week.

the attacks were sketchy, but negotiations will be anything other than fiendishly difficult. With the two sides refusing direct, face-to-face discussions, the international mediators. led by Christopher Hill, the US railing the Rambouillet talks. British diplomats insisted

that the decision by Mr Cook relaying positions, demands and concessions between the two delegations. Having studied draft peace

proposals drawn up by mediators, the Serbs and Albanians are now being pressed to consider key issues, including the juridical status of the province to justify extending the talks for the three years an "interim agreement' would run, and the procedures for proposed elections of a Kosovo assembly. Earlier, a Serb official was

quoted as describing the proposals for greater Kosovo au-tonomy as "horrifying".

Beyond that loom problems over the proposed 30,000-strong Nato peacekeeping force for Kosovo. The Serbs are opposed to such an intrusion onto its sovereign territory. But the Albaambassador to Macedonia are mians want no less than Nato's conducting "proximity talks", signature on a peace deal.

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Clinton trial enters final stages

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China lifts ban on Disney film

CHINA IS to allow cinemas to show Mulan, the Walt Disney film based on an ancient Chinese folk story. Peking blocked its release last year. It was angry at Disney over its 1997 movie Kundun about the life of the Dalai Lama.

Saddam 'wounded by assassins'

IRAQI PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein was hurt during a recent assassination attempt, the United Arab Emirates newspaper, al-Ittihad, reported yesterday. There was no further confirmation of the report.

Germany rethinks nationality plan

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Sharif fights to strangle free speech

NIGHT AFTER night on the BY PETER POPHAM streets of Karachi, Lahore and in Delhi Rawalpindi, men armed with sticks and iron bars fight for the freedom of Pakistan's press.

The prize: 200 rolls of newsprint, enough to bring out skeletal editions of the Jang group's newspapers. The enemy is the police. The Supreme Court granted the papers this minimal daily ration of paper, but the police, acting on orders, try to seize the lorries delivering it and drive them away. On 1 February they succeeded.

It is not too melodramatic to describe this as practically the last stand of those who cherish freedom and democracy in Pakistan. Already the other organs keeping the power of the Prime Minister, Nawaz Sharif, in check have been emasculated: the presidency given to a Sharif family friend, an independentminded army chief forced to resign. Soon Pakistan's legal system will be run according to from work by colleagues in a Sharia law and Mr Sharif will be free to do as he pleases.

But the battle for the press is not over yet.

Today the drama switches to the Supreme Court, as it begins hearing an action brought

in Islamabad

back against a government campaign to close down the newspapers that has come to a head in the past three weeks.

The head of the government's Accountability Bureau, Senator Saifur Rahman, has given the proprietor of Jang a list of 16 journalists the government wants sacked, and a list of replacements who would be considered acceptable.

But in case Jang fails to take the hint, other forms of pressure are also being applied. The editor of The News, Maleeha Lodhi, who was Pakistan's amhassador to Washington from 1994 to 1997, is tailed by government agents wherever she goes. Since an unidentified car tried to ram her recently, she is now escorted to and van and two cars.

The News does not look like a newspaper which should cause a man as powerful as Mr Sharif to lose much sleep.

The page design is fussy, headlines are small and bland.

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But beneath its bland exterior and tireless quest for balance. The News has not shrunk from telling the truth about Mr Sharif, his increasingly dictatorial tendencies, and the allegations of financial wrongdoing that have been laid

against him. Last month, the confrontation came to the boil when Mr Sharif's principal enforcer, Senator Rahman, who has been pursuing charges against Benazir Bhutto and her husband. charged the company with massive tax fraud and demanded payment of more than 2bn rupees (£25m) in back taxes.

Jang's proprietor, Mir Shakilur Rehman, went to see the senator to try to persuade him to "stop the victimisation campaign against the press", in Mr Rehman's words, and it was at this meeting that the senator gave the proprietor the list of iournalists the government required to be sacked.

Mr Rehman secretly recorded the meeting and played the

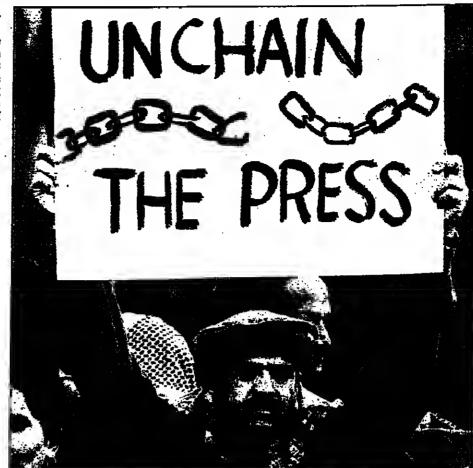
In Pakistan, where revenue collection is often used as a pretext for attacking enemies of the government, few took the tax charges against Jang seriously, even before the playing of the tape-recording of

Mr Rehman insists, "It is not about tax dues. There are laws and courts in Pakistan to deal with the tax evader

"We have already filed an appeal against the tax notices in the Income Tax Appelate Tribunal, the highest tax court in Pakistan, and we will accept its verdict."

A plausible explanation for the timing of the government's attack is that Jang was backing a satellite television channel Geo, which is based in Dubai. While Pakistan's newspapers have been free from government control radio and television remain a government monopoly.

Some believe that it was fear of uncontrolled news reaching the 70 per cent of Pakistanis who are functionally illiterate that spurred the gov-ernment into trying to close the group down. Jang's profitable newspapers were the capital base for the satellite







Newspaper editor Maleeha Lodhi (top right), who is at the forefront of the battle against attempts by the Prime

Horseflesh and flirtation on parade

STREET LIFE

THERE IS an elusive nightclub crowd in Delhi, conspicuously rich and easily bored, that is rarely glimpsed by daylight. But I caught up with these diamond-studded youths one afternoon at the old Jaipur Polo grounds in Delhi, which turns out to be overhead and mortality infar less stuffy than you would

imagine for a venue located across the road from the resumes quickly. Prime Minister's residence and the élite Gymkhana Club. Horseffesh and flirtation hoofbeats still thrill adolescent girls, and a coterie of suitors follows in their wake. India's bluebloods are also out in force. Maharanis in the front rows, kitted out in Pashmina shawls and Italian sun-

glasses, clutch the arms of their wrinkled rajas. Nearly all these erstwhile rulers wear flat wool caps, hut the mixed scents of French perfume, gentlemen's cologne, and traditional attar wafting up from this section is like an invisible harrier to lesser mortals. I wonder if the pong might scare the horses. Samsara, yaar," shouts

one teenage boy, trying to in-gratiate himself with a leggy socialite by identifying her scent by name. She smiles icily, then peers with renewed interest through her hinoculars while cranking up the volume on her discman. Traditional polo is under-

going an image makeover in India, and some of the changes are startling. Recently, a liquor company hired American-style pompom girls to cheerlead between chukkers. Unaccustomed to bare legs in public, the Indian crowd roared approval. The most popular stunt is putting fashion models astride nippy stud steeds - a change from tent-pegging exhibitions at half-time.

Refreshment tents, which used to serve only pyramids of sandwiches from silver platters, now flog mini-pizzas. Cellphone companies, private television stations, investment banks and hotel firms are keen to sponsor championships or teams once the preserve of cavalry regiments or royalty.

Today's competition is Seagrams versus Chivas Regal. Disappointingly, instead of pert cheerleaders performing cartwheels, there is only a squadron of army bagpipers tuning up in the stands. The sponsors strive to be traditional today, although the jovial crowd punctures much of this pretension.

"Down in front, Bunty You know nothing about polo," heckies a young stockbroker as his friend tries to start a standing ovation. "We cannot see through you." Shortly afterwards, two players collide

and a rider goes down, his horse limping badly. Ambulances race out with an army doctor and the veterinarian on duty, who wears a red sari with an oversized stethoscope. As soon as play stops, a dozen vultures circle high trudes on the day out. Happily, injuries are minor and play

After the first bugle sounds, Deepak Roy, a polo fan for decades, grabs a bis-I'd expected. Thundering cuit and swigs down some Earl Grey tea. "Not much of a spread today. I was hoping for giant prawns, like last week," he gripes. "And don't waste your time looking. There isn't a drop of Scotch

> Indian Anglophiles occasionally whine about how crass hreaks with polo tradition are, even though this Persian game of hockey on horseback has lent itself to



Polo: Startling changes

infinite innovation over 4,000 years. Elephant polo, played with oversize mallets and softer balls, is a particular local favourite - although the game's pace suffers considerably. Bicycle polo is another variation but, even with mountain bikes, is no match for the real thing.

Frenzied girls in riding gear start shoving forward to get a glimpse of Shamsher Ali, the latest sensation in the saddle. At 16, he is the youngest and dishiest player on the circuit and when he rides by the stand there is a spontaneous swoon much like a Mexican wave. Every female sits straighter for a second, then slumps

Moments later, a black stallion emerges, prancing to the theme from 2001: A Space Odyssey. It is not, as we all imagine, young Ali reappearing on a more suitable mount. It's a display of musical dressage for Anglophiles. "Bit of a damp squib after such a good match," Mr Roy observes, scoffing another biscuit.

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BUSINESS

Industry slump deepens as prices fall for first time

BRIEFING

Electra wins Inchcape auction

of a £1.2bn takeover bid by its rival 3i, yesterday outbid its predator to win an auction for the shipping division of Inchcape, the vehicles distributor. Electra also beat off rival bids from Barclays and Morgan Grenfell, offering £47.5m for Inchcape Shipping Services, a group which sells support services to more than 30,000 ships a year in 46 countries. Inchcape began the auction last summer as part of its aim of focusing on its core vehicle distribution business. Electra yesterday said it planned to retain the business for at least five years.

Clementi issues euro warning



THE DEPUTY governor of the Bank of England sterday warned the City that there was "no room for complacency" following the launch of the euro. Speaking at a Stock Exchange awards ceremony, David Clementi (left) said that London had got off to "a flying start" in its dealings with the curo, but needed to work at

staying competitive. "It is clear to us that London has no automatic right to the huge amount of husiness that is done here", he said. Mr Clementi was addressing the annual awards for excellence in financial reporting sponsored by the London Stock Exchange and the Institute for Chartered Accountants. Boots, the healthcare group. won the larger company award, while HP Bulmer, the cider maker, scooped the smaller company award.

£12m acquisition boosts Umeco

SHARES OF UMECO, the industrial components distributor, rose 26.5p to 320p yesterday on news of the £12m acquisition of Aerovac, which supplies vacuum bagging materials to the aerospace industry. Clive Snowdon, Umeco's chief executive, said the acquisition would strengthen the group's position as a supplier to the European aerospace industry and would immediately enhance earnings.

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MANUFACTURING has entered its longest period of sustained

decline since the early 1980s, according to official figures out yesterday, reigniting fears of an economy-wide recession in the

first half of this year. The latest Office for National Statistics data were far worse than expected and vindicated last week's surprise decision by the Bank of England to cut UK interest rates by 0.5 percentage points, analysts said.

As well as revealing sharp falls in manufacturing activity. the ONS figures provided further evidence of deflation in the sector: Manufacturing output prices fell in December for the first time

on record as weak consumer demand squeezed margins.
John Redwood, the Conser-

vative spokesman for trade and industry, warned that manufacturing was "turching towards disaster". The Government, however, defended its economic track record, saying it was steering a course of stability through difficult times.

Ken Wattret, an economist at Paribas, said: "The official production data is belatedly catching up with business surveys. which have been screaming recession for months now".

According to the ONS, man-

ufacturing output dropped 0.6 per cent in December, compared to expectations of a 0.2 per cent drop. Output in the sector has now fallen for five successive months, the longest period of successive monthly

During the last quarter of 1998, the manufacturing sector shrunk by 1.3 per cent, its sharpest quarterly contraction since early 1991. This was the second consecutive quarter of manufacturing decline, the ONS said, meaning that the sec-

tor is now officially in recession. Industrial production, which includes mining and energy production as well as manu-

facturing, fell by 0.8 per cent in December. Weakening consumer demand has hit manufacturing prices, with the sector now firmly in the grip of deflation, economists said.

In December, producer outdeclines since the early 1980s. put prices fell by 0.1 per cent, the first monthly fall since records began in 1958. Manufacturing output prices remained unchanged in January, the ONS said. Input prices rose in January by 0.5 per cent following a recovery in crude oil prices.

City analysts warned the weak data were likely to prompt downward revisions to last year's official growth figures. and could mean that growth

turns negative in the first quarter of 1999. Mr Wattret said: "It's quite possible we could have negative growth. The manufacturing data tells us that the problems are deep-rooted."

There were encouraging signs elsewhere in the economy yesterday, with two separate surveys providing evidence of a revival of optimism. The British Retail Consor-

tium survey pointed to a bounceback in retait sales in January, with like-for-like sales up 2.5 per cent as heavy discounting tempted customers back to the shops.

The apparent contradiction between yesterday's upbeat

BRC survey and last week's gloomy Confederation of British Industry survey could be down to differences in measurement, according to Pam Webber, BRC economist. The CBI survey is based on retail expectations, while the BRC survey mea-

sures cash through the till. Meanwhile, the monthly Merrill Lynch/Gallup survey revealed an upturn in optimism among UK fund man-agers. One in three expect a stronger economy a year from now, compared with just 3 per cent back in September, Asset allocation is moving away from bonds and eash and back into equities, Merrill Lynch said.

TADBROKE GROUP David Michels (left), chief executive of Stakis, with Peter George, the chief executive of Ladbroke

Ladbroke buys Stakis chain for £1.2bn

LADBROKE, THE hotels and BY NIGEL COPE gaming group, yesterday moved quickly to complete its bid for Stakis, the Glasgow-based hotels chain, with a recommended cash and share offer valuing the

The deal, which comes just five days after talks were first disclosed, sparked a surge in both companies' share prices with Stakis shares soaring 11 per

cent to 157p. This is well in excess of the 144.25p offer price indicating the possibility of a rival offer from another leisure group such as Whitbread or Accor of France However, Ladbroke said the

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Stakis share price could be explained by the rise in its own shares, which closed 16 per cent higher at 269p thereby increasing the value of the share element of its offer. The deal is likely to signal the disappearance of the Stakis name, as its hotels will be rebranded under Ladbroke's Hilton name. It will net the Stakis family around £50m including £10m for the founder, Sir Reo Stakis, the 85-year-old

Greek Cypriot, who set up the business in 1942. "Reo voted for the deal but I'd Ladbroke's five London casinos

without a tear in his eye," said Stakis chief executive David group's fortunes after its near collapse seven years ago. He added: 'I suppose it's a hit like watching your mother-in-law

drive off a cliff in your new car" The deal takes Ladbroke from 38 hotels to 93 and makes the combined group the largest operator of four star hotels in the country and the third largest hotels group in London after Granada and Thistle. It also creates the UK's second largest. gaming group after Rank with

and complementary geographic between them. fit," said Peter George, Ladbroke's chief executive.

elevated to Ladbroke's main enlarged Hilton hotels division. He will replace David Jarvis who However, Mr George denied that the Stakis man is being groomed as his successor.

The deal nets a £1.5m shares Michels, although he will take 60 Stakis shares held.

being lying if I said he'd done so added to Stakis' portfolio of 22, per cent of the proceeds in Ladmostly provincial sites. "It is rare broke shares. Stakis staff, who to find a business that represents own around 3 per cent of the Michels who helped restore the such a perfect operational mix company will net over £30m

The takeover will result in annual cost savings of £16m The deal sees Mr Michels from next year. There will be job losses, with the Stakis head ofboard and appointed head of its fice in Glasgow moved to Watford and the likely closure of overlapping divisional offices. Howcould be in line for a film pay-off ever, Mr Michels said the company will maintain a presence north of the border. The terms of the Ladbroke

offer are 57.7p in cash plus 0.382 and options windfall for Mr new Ladbroke shares for each

Rebus goes private in £172m takeover

BY PETER THAL LARSEN

REBUS, THE computer services group, looked set to disappear nto private ownership vesterday, after it agreed to a £172m takeover by two US venture capital groups. Shares in Rebus jumped 18p to 177.5p yesterday as the company confirmed details of the cash bid, pitched at 182p per share.

General Atlantic Partners and Warting Pincus, the US private equity groups, are funding the offer Unusually for a venture capital buyout, Rebus' management are not putting up any cash, although they will continue to run the company.

The prospect of a rival bidder entering the fray was all but ruled out yesterday, after Warburg and General Atlantic bought 27.7m Rebus shares representing 29.96 per cent of its share capital, in the market at a share price of 182p.

The institutions which sold shares are thought to include Philips & Drew, the fund manager, which held a 16.6 per cent stake in Rebus.

The takeover ends a sorry stock market life for Rebus. which was demerged from CE Heath, the insurance broker in April 1996. Although the shares had risen from 880 at the time of the demerger to 137.5p last Thursday - the day before Rebus revealed it had received a takeover approach - they have lagged behind other information technology stocks. "We announced very good results last November but the stock market didn't really react," said Peter Presland, Rebus' chief executive. "We have just been caught up in the general malaise that affects

smaller companies." Industry analysts pointed to Rebus' relatively pedestrian growth as another reason for its underperformance. But Ed McKinley, a partner at Warburg Pincus, insisted it had good prospects. "Rebus is unusual in that it has leading positions in both the human resources and insurance markets," be said.

Mr Presland said Rebus had received takeover approaches from other IT companies and venture capital groups but none had been worth considering seriously. "The benefit is that we've now got some committed backers who can support the business," he said.

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Hedge fund founder's buy-back plan rejected INVESTORS HAVE rejected BY ANDREW GARFIELD fund's holdings with a view of the fund have appreciated by 15

attempts by John Meriwether, the founder of Long-Term Capital Management to buy back the hedge fund from the consortium which bailed the troufinancial crisis last September.

Mr Meriwether, a former

in an effort to drum up interest

among the 14 banks which par-Salomon Brothers trader, ticipated in last September's whose attempts to beat the bail-out that would be keen to cuss plans for the fund's future. market rattled the world finan- sell if it an opportunity to get out cial system last year, has spent at a profit presented itself. the process of liquidating the financial market, the assets in what longer."

Trust, the US bank currently in the throes of a merger with Gerthe recent weeks touring in- many's Deutsche Bank are vestors and lenders worldwide also rumoured to be pressing for an early exit. Members of bled firm out at the height of the for a bid to buy back the hind. the oversight committee, made participated in the buyout, met

in New York last week to dis-Options include accelerating

repaying some of the consor- per cent. However, investors for a buyer for the funds' assets. Mr Meriwether was left with

Since the bailout, with the

to buy it back again.

tium's investments, or looking say that they are still far from ready to put their trust in a man whom they hold responsible a three per cent holding in the for the initial collapse. fund after the bailout and has "He seems to think he has

Britain's Barclays Bank is up of six of the 14 banks that made little secret of his desire just taken a loan and now the markets have recovered he can pay it back," said one cynhelp of the strong rebound in ical observer. "But I think his the confidence of the major rehabilitation will take some-

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

LONDON

A LACKLUSTRE session, with New York failing to offer inspiration, left Footsie trailing 20.4 points to 5.834.9 with turnover again topping 1 billion shares. The mid cap index fell but the small cap managed a 7.2 gain to 2217.1. Even BT's link with Microsoft failed to generate much excitement with BT up 7.5p at 935p. Renters, the information group, rose 47.5p to 866p ahead of figures due today. As utilities returned to favour Thames Water rose 42p to 1,099p. Banks weakened ahead of

NEW YORK

CONCERNS about over-valuation hit sentiment on Wall Street. where shares were modestly lower in afternoon trade. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 40.93 points - or 0.44 oer cent - at 9263.31. Traders said losses were triggered by a warning from Ralph Acampora, analyst at Prudential Securities, of a 5 to 10 per cent decline in the Dow. Drug stocks were among the fallers, with Eli Lilly and Merck both hit by valuation Derek Pain, page 17

TOKYO

THE BENCHMARK Nikkei index closed higher for the first time in five session, as a recovery in the bond market boosted sentiment in equities. The Nikkei closed up 94.41 points - or 0.68 per cent - at 13,992.49.

March futures added 220 points to close at 14,010.

Yasuo Ueki, general manager at Nikko Securities Co, said: "The surge in bond prices relieved the market after their tumble kept pulling down the Nikkei average

KUALA LUMPUR MALAYSIAN shares ended

sharply lower as an easing of

exchange controls prompted a wave of foreign selling. The benchmark stock exchange index closed down 5.85 per cent at 526.1, after the government annnounced it would replace a han on the repatriation of shortterm foreign capital with a graduated "exit tax". One trader said: "Foreigners have no reason to hold. It [the exit tax] gives them a wonderful opportunity to Report, page 15

SAO PAULO

BRAZILIAN shares were trading higher in afternoon trade after a further depreciation of the real made stocks cheaper in dollar terms. The benchmark Bovespa index was up 267.28 points - or 3.17 per cent - at 8702.76. A major options expiry also boosted the share index, traders said.

However, analysts warned that the longer term outlook for Brazilian shares was more mixed amid concerns that support for the govenrment's austerity plan was

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News Analysis: Bill Gates's giant has joined up with British Telecom to test software which allows Internet access for mobile-phone users

MICROSOFT HAS joined forces By PETER THAL LARSEN with British Telecom to test software which will allow mobile held computers and television phone users to access the In- set-top hoxes. ternet while they are on the

conference in New Orleans last night, is the latest in a recent flurry of partnerships between British companies and the United States software giant. It underlines Microsoft's recognition of the UK as a market leader in developing and introducing new technologies.

Microsoft is giving BT the exclusive right to test its microbrowser software, which allows users to browse the internet from mobile phones and other portable electronics devices, outside the United States. Trials are expected to begin almost immediately, and BT is likely to start offering the software to major corporate customers through its Concert venture next year.

DT has investments in a handful of mobile networks around Europe and in the Far East, allowing it to reach a large number of international

The alliance reflects a growing belief that mobile phone networks will be used by workers to access their company's computer networks and the Internct. "We think the mobile phone will become more than a device for voice communications," says Sohail Quaid, BT's direcfor of mobile strategy. "The convergence between Internet

and mobile will happen." Although Microsoft has a stronglehold on the desktop computer market through its British companies, Even as Mi-Windows operating system, the crosoft has been battling company is increasingly concorned about the challenge to its dominance from rival devices into a number of strategic in-

"Microsoft is committed to deploying Internet standards-The alliance, which was for- based services, and, by working mally announced at an industry with partners, to provide a worldwide, end-to-end wireless solution," said Microsoft vicepresident Paul Maritz.

Microsoft has developed a stripped-down version of Windows, called Windows CE, to run on these devices, but other companies have been quicker to take the lead in those markets.

Just as Netscape established an early lead over Microsoft in developing an Internet browser, so NCI - a joint venture between Netscape and Oracle has raced ahead in providing operating systems for television set-top boxes. All three of Britain'a cable operators have signed up NCI for their digital television systems.

Meanwhile Psion, the British handheld computer maker, has already linked up with mobile phone manufacturers Motorovelop an operating system for mobile Internet access. Indeed yesterday's announcement. which is a direct challenge to Symbian, knocked Psion shares

According to industry analysts, the creation of Symbian left Microsoft with little choice hut to court telecom operators with its software, although they added that ultimately consumers would decide which operating system they preferred.

The alliance with BT marks the latest in a number of venagainst an antitrust lawsuit in such as mobile phones, hand- vestments which suggest the





Bill Gates (left), head of Microsoft, and Sir Peter Boufield, chief executive of British Telecom: the two companies are joining forces in a venture which gives BT exclusive rights to test the computer giant's microbrowser software

UK is more important as a market than is justified by its size relative to other countries.

Two weeks ago, Microsoft invested \$500m in NTL, the country's third-largest cable operator, Last year Computacenter and ICL, the computer services groups, both signed strategic partnerships to develop software and services based on Microsoft's operating

Meanwhile WebTV, the Microsoft subsidiary which has developed an operating system for television set-top boxes, is currently trialing its system in a number of London homes in conjunction with BT and the

Microsoft is also sinking one of the first to introduce the

networks which are capable of Cambridge, and has concarrying data at high speed. tributed £10m to Amadeus, a However, BT and Microsoft fund for budding hi-tech com-

panies run by Hermann yesterday played down sugges-Hauser, the venture capitalist. tions that the two might mount Andrew Lees, a director of a joint bid for one of the licences. Microsoft UK, said the British Although BT is keen to bid market is attractive because it probably through Cellnet, the is innovative. He pointed to the mobile phone operator in which deregulation of the telecom and it holds a 60 per cent stake - Mimedia industries which had put crosoft said it was not particu-British companies at the cutting larly keen to put cash into edge of developments in their mobile phone infrastructure.

Bill Gates, head of Microsoft, has also publicly backed Tony Blair's call to create a National Grid for Learning by linking all the schools in the country to the Internet.

By getting involved in these technologies in the UK, Mi-

250m into a research centre in new generation of mobile phone crosoft is putting itself in a prime position to benefit when they are adopted elsewhere. "This competition is going to create a lot of innovation which will spread around the globe," says Andrew Lees, a director of

way, a leading industry analyst.
"But then they can afford to back a few losers." Microsoft's UK subsidiary. Critics suggest that Microsoft is stifling innovation by buying into a variety of different companies. However, Mr Lees insists Microsoft's strategy of partnership is designed to create the opposite. "Our husiness model is to create value and innovation in a solution of which we are part," he says.

Industry analysts point out that Microsoft is effectively using its financial muscle to make sure it is involved in any

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Global agreement with BT to develop and

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May: Global strategic alliance

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Cambridge Research Centre and and £10m in

development that could be a

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This is hardly new for Mi-

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Mr Holway adds. "In fact they

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By Francesco Guerrera

ZENECA, THE pharmaceutical giant, is taking the US drug watchdog to court over the approval of a rival version of one its best-selling medicines, it emerged yesterday.

The British company took the highly unusual step of suing the US Food and Drug Administration over its decision to allow Gensia Sicor, a small American firm, to produce a cheaper version of its anaesthetic Diprivan.

In a lawsuit filed in the US state of Maryland, Zeneca alleged that the FDA breached an exclusivity agreement and demanded a withdrawal of Gensia's licence.

The little-known US company last month won approval to produce a medicine which uses Diprivan's key ingredient in combination with other substances not contained in the Zeneca product.

. The Gensia drug is to be launched later this year and is expected to cost less than Diprivan, an injectable anaesthetic sold to hospitals.

Industry experts believe that it could become a powerful competitor to Diprivan which last year had sales of \$300m in the US and \$600m worldwide. threat to its existing business in

However, the UK group. which is completing its multibillion pound merger with Sweden's Astra, is claiming that the

Gensia product breaches a pre-

vious agreement with the FDA. According to Zeneca, the deal gives it exclusive rights over the sale of Diprivan and similar products until June of this year.

The British company is also alleging that Gensia's formulation of the drug could be harmful for patients.

What is different this time Gensia said it had applied to intervene in the lawsuit bet-ween Zeneca and the FDA and ford to take in its attempts to added that it would "vigorously way the markets are heading. protect" its interests.

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Inflation in euroland to fall Davies moves

THE SINGLE currency could By DIANE COYLE cut euroland's inflation rate by a quarter of a point as greater transparency and competition force prices downwards, acc-

ording to new research. will not publish figures which allow direct comparisons of prices for different goods

across member countries. It is due to release 1996 figures at the end of this month but reports prices in one country as a rabo of the average. This will reveal whether prices are moving closer together but

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Economics Editor

not whether they are converging upwards or downwards.

data. It is running a "rounding down" campaign to encourage retailers not to exploit confusion caused by the launch of the euro to push through price rises.

The new report, published today by ING Barings, the City investment bank, predicts that as long as the single currency consumers as one of the k leads to a levelling down of benefits of monetary union.

prices towards the lowest prevailing, it could reduce the inflation rate by 0,25 per cent a year. This would represent a significant fall from today's The Commission will be already low euroland inflation | pany's three stately homes

> According to Mark Cliffe the author of the report: "The potential significance of price convergence is underlined by the sheer scale of the price differentials." He noted that the European Commission has always seen cheaper prices to consumers as one of the key

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technologies.

For example, Britain was

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sion. And if the UK government

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LYZ DAVIES has joined Birchin

International as managing di-

with Ann Iversen, and was ex-

pected by the industry to follow

Perhaps wisely, she didn't,

Ms Iversen to Laura Ashley.

and instead founded her own

conference centres.

"bring some coherence" to Birchin's three country houses - Eynsham Hall in Yorkshire. Chewton Place in Oxfordshire and Swinton Castle in Bristol.

Stakis farewell

NO WONDER Sir Reo Stakis. 85, wiped away a tear as he announced the takeover by Ladhroke. The hotel and casino group he founded in 1946 is set to be swallowed by Ladbroke's Hilton subsidiary. Suggested new names include "Lakis" and "Stilton"

Sir Reo arrived in Britain from his native Cyprus in 1928, aged just 15, with £50 and two suitcases full of lace.

His big break came in Glasgow in 1952 when he bought his first restaurant. Shortly afterwards he opened his first steakhouse. This is when the legend that he "singlehandedy changed Scotland's eating habits" was born.

He went on to open Glasgow's first nightclub and Scotand'a first casino. But hubris struck in the

1980s - as with so many other entrepreneurs. Sir Reo made his son Andros Stakis chief executive, and the lad embarked on an ambitious expansion into commercial property, pubs, discos and nursing homes.

When the crash came in 1990 Stakis almost went hust. Sir Reo stepped aside as chairman in March 1991 in favour of Sir Lewis Robertson, a company doctor. Sir Lewis's first act was to replace Andros with David Michels from Hilton, who became his right-hand man. They proceeded to sell off the 1980s acquisitions and Stakis recovered, growing from a value 🛛 E-mail: j.willcock@indeof £70m in 1992 to £1.2bn today.

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PEOPLE AND BUSINESS

BY JOHN WILLCOCK



Sir Reo still receives a £240,000 pension from Stakis as life

As for Sir Reo's changing the eating habits of the Glaswegians, George Westwell, general manager of the London Metropole, explained last October: "He taught them to use a knife

Call to action

A CITY lawyer who played rugby for Cambridge, championed the boxer Lennox Lewis and represented 250 depositors in BCCI who were owed \$2bn, is setting up on his own.

to launch his own practice dealing in commercial litigation and insolvency. The former rugby Blue who

played open side flanker for Cambridge says now is the time to take advantage of huge changes in the way civil law is run in this country.

"greenfield site" and is "hiring lots of young lawyers who haven't been ingrained with the past," he says.

His firm, Bernard Clarke &

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"There is a sea-change which most solicitors have failed to grasp. Cases will be streamlined and judges will have a role in administering them. The age of litigants exchanging brickbats for years and years is over."

Mr Clarke is setting up on a

Co. will take advantage of last year's rule changes which allow lawyers to take cases on a conditional fee basis. It will also spearhead litigation cost insurance, an intriguing development which enables litigants to insure against the possible costs of losing their case, even after they have launched the

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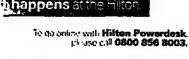
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Stock market fails smaller companies

JUST three short years into life at the head of a publicly quoted company, Peter Presland, chief executive of Rebus Group, an IT company specialising in the insurance sector, has had enough and is selling out to venture capitalists. Rebus is only the latest in a growing number of so-called "public to private" transactions, and as such it is symptomatic of the deep disillusionment many smaller companies have begun to feel with the stock market

In recent years there has been a growing polarisation in the quoted sector between big and small companies, and between perceived sunset and sunrise sectors. If your company happens to be a small or medium sized enterprise in an out of favour sector, then your chances of using the equity markets to fund expansion at a reasonable rate are virtually nil. Plainly it is much worse than this, however. Rebus is in a glamourous sector, IT, but it is also small so it is still being afforded a stock market rating so low that its advisers cannot recommend use of equity to fund growth.

What's the point of being subjected to the disciplines of a publicly quoted company many managements are asking themselves, if we cannot avail



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ourselves of the benefits of the capital markets? This sort of question is now being posed with such regularity by smaller companies that it is no longer possible to write these com-plaints off as the whinging of underperforming executives.

Many smaller companies feel ves trapped in a vicious circle of decline; if they don't achieve a reasonable stock market rating they don't get access to capital and will for ever remain small. So they have to adopt a strategy consistent with generating good short term growth and delivering on budgets set by others - namely the short term earnings forecasts of City analysts. This in turn necessitates a short term investment

of whichever narrow business perspective it is locked into.

In such circumstances, the atvious. Ironically, most buyout capital comes from the very institutions that in their stock market dealings are applying these short termist pressures; there is, however, a small part of each portfolio which is allocated to longer term, more illiquid investment.

Paul going on here. In the past, the big institutions were reluctant to accept venture capital bids on the grounds that any company buying itself must be worth more than it is paying. In the last year or two that perception has changed. The underperformance of smaller company shares has made many keen to sell at almost any price, further depressing the value of these compa-

For big institutions with an interest in the venture capital industry, the process is a zero sum game, since they can expect a share of the higher returns these companies might earn as privately owned entities. The venture capitalist also has the

strategy within the company, which opportunity much more effectively to tends to mean it can never breakfree bring about consolidation and management change than would have been possible in the quoted sector

Unfortunately, this is a process in tractions of venture capital are ob- which the retail investor can rarely participate. All too often small private investors are being forced out at an undervaluation. Later, on the other hand, they are asked to participate in the inflated valuations at which these companies return to the stock market. The capital markets are not As a consequence, there is a cer-tain amount of robbing Peter to pay ry and unfair manner

Recession blues

THE TREASURY is doing its best to convey an impression of calm about the economy even as the pundits veer from euphoria about last week's surprisingly big cut in interest rates to panic about the figures yesterday confirming that manufacturing is in recession for the first time since the early 1990s. Knowing in advance that yesterday's news would be bad, the Treasury had indicated to the Sunday newspapers that the Chancellor saw no need yet to reduce his forecast of 1-1.5 per cent growth.

So who's right about what's hap-

pening in the economy, the optimists or the pessimists? While the economy as a whole has slowed down the chances are that it will still avoid outright recession. Thanks to lower interest rates, last quarter and this are about as had as it should get, barring a catastrophe in the US or elsewhere. Two quarters of GDP growth around zero certainly count as a soft landing even if poor old man-ufacturing industry fares much

On the other hand, the forecast contained in November's pre-Budget report, based on data for September and October, is at the most optimistic end of the range. The economy would have to turn on a sixpence in April for it to come true. While Mr Brown may be a cheerful and upbeat fellow, he has no business basing his

Budget on extreme optimism. On the other hand, the last thing the Chancellor needs in the run up to a Budget that will confirm his determination to set a steady fiscal course is the demand from his colleagues to Do Something about a nonexistent recession.

The signs are that the Bank of England will manage to keep it at bay for him. Indeed, the latest grim news from manufacturing could point to a

bigger and faster fall in interest rates than most analysts expect. And if that does the trick, the economy could be starting to build up steam by the time the Chancellor is drawing up next year's Budget

Longbridge aid

IT WAS the turn of Stephen Byers yesterday to make the pilgrimage to Longbridge. These days Trade and Industry Secretaries seem regularly go there to pray for salvation. Be-fore his sudden fall from grace, Peter Mandelson made the trip up the M1 to beseech the Rover workforce to "sharpen up their act". His successor was there yesterday on a "fact finding" mission.

If there was one fact Mr Byers must already have known it is the statistic showing that Longbridge produces 33 cars per man each year compared with 98 at Nissan's Sunderiand factory. Even with their bet-ter paid workers and expensive labour laws BMW's German plants are 30 per cent more efficient.

The new man in the BMW hot seat Joachim Milberg, has given himself a fortnight to digest the information and decide whether to throw

good money after bad and invest another £1bn in a replacement for the Rover 200/400 series.

Mr Byers has £300m of taxpayers money in his pocket to help Mr Milberg make up its mind. In a same world, all state aid for car plants would be outlawed on the grounds that it distorts competition and en-

courages uneconomic production. But sanity is not always the strong suit of governments. There are plenty of other countries that would be a good deal more generous than Mr Byers in attempting to attract the investment for the 200/400 series.

Moreover, state aid can some times be a necessary pump primer. Nissan's Sunderland plant was a big recipient while the renaissance at Jaguar would not have been possible had central government not oiled the wheels. The clincher for both Nissan and Jaguar, however, is that they both had new models that people were eager to huy Whether the same can be said about Rover is less certain. Given its track record with passenger cars and its surplus of capacity to output, the omens do oot look good for Longbridge, no matter how much state aid is waved

Scotia sells 'wonderfood' to US

SCOTIA HOLDINGS, the lossmaking Scots pharmaceuticals group, yesterday gave hope to millions of food junkies with the sale of a revolutionary antiappetite ingredient to the US cereal giant General Mills.

The American company bought the worldwide rights to use Olibra - a substance that makes people feel full after a few spoonfuls - in its hreakfast cereals, which include the bestlling Cheerios and Kix. Gen-Al Mills will also be allowed to sell Olibra-enhanced yoghurt, soups and salad dressings in North and South America.

News of the deal with the US company, the world's largest producer of cereals, sent

BY FRANCESCO GUERRERA

slumped in recent times as Scotia was hit by drugs setbacks and boardroom rows closed 42 per cent higher at 98.5p. Analysts said the tie-up with General Mills, which has yearly sales of \$7bn and a market value of \$13bn, was a vote of confidence in the product.

"It's a good deal, the choice of General Mills is a good endorsement of Olibra and it is in the American market, which is by far the largest in the world," said Nick Woolf, the vice-president of BancBoston Robertson Stephens, the US financial house.

Olibra is a fat-based ingre-

dient derived from palm and oat oil which appears to reduce appetite, helping people to lose weight. It is already used in the Swedish yoghurt Maval, sold in some UK supermarkets, and in

by the dairy group Unigate. Scotia declined to spell out the financial terms of the deal, but it is understood that General Mills will pay the Stirlinghased group a number of milestone payments during further product developments and a royalty of around 3 per cent on sales of Olibra products. The US group will also pay for the development and marketing of Olibra food. The first products are not expected to hit the market before 2001, as Oli-

hra will have to be approved by the US regulatory authorities.

Dr Robert Dow, the chief executive of Scotia, said that the potential market for appetite suppressants was immense. He added that Olibra could be some St Ivel desserts produced used in virtually every solidfood, soup and milk-based drink. The worldwide market for cereals, soups and salad dressings was over \$74bn last year, with almost \$20bn spent in the US alone.

Dr Dow said the General Mills deal would help Scotia to move into profit over the next five years. He added that the deal should help the group to speed up manufacturing agreements with Asian and European partners.



Scotia's chief executive, Dr Robert Dow, who says the potential market for Olibra is huge Mark Chilvers

Foreign cash flies out of Malaysia

THE MALAYSIAN central bank tal controls to a tax oo movewas forced to set up a telephone hotline yesterday to deal with the rush of foreign investors trying to withdraw their funds, writes Diane Coyle.

The move followed Maiaysia's recent lifting of a sixmonth ban oo capital flows, to be replaced next week by a tax of up to 30 per cent on funds moved out of the country.

The flight of newly released money sent Malaysian shares tumbling 5.85 per cent in heavy trading. The fall dragged other stockmarkets in Asia lower too, with falls in Seoul, Bangkok, Jakarta and Hong Kong. The switch from overt capi-

ments of funds out of the country of up to 30 per cent - less on longer-term investments - was intended to encourage foreign investment, but backfired as those trapped by earlier restrictions made for the exit.

Although the recurrent financial crises of the past two years had persuaded a number of prominent economists that capital controls could be a useful policy in emerging markets, Malaysia was the only affected country to try them.

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Lasmo shares rise as oil predators circle

LASMO, the oil group cuddling up to Enterprise Oil. may be in the sights of a Continental predator.

The shares flared 14p (after 20.5p) to 118.5p m busy trading as stories swirled that Repsol, the Spanish oil group, and ENI, the Italian operator, could be planning takeover shots. BG, the old British Gas,

was another in the frame. ENI refused to comment about Lasmo although it did deny weekend reports it was set to descend on Enterprise, up 10.25p to 234.5p. Last month Enterprise and

Lasmo admitted they were talking merger; they also said they were in discussions with other parties. There were suggestions in some quarters that the merger negotiations were near to breaking down but sources said they were on the verge of being successfully concluded.

The slump in the crude oil price has devastated the in-

YET ANOTHER share index is likely to appear, possibly in the fullness of time challenging the dominance of Footsie. The creation of oil goliath BP Amoco and

the growing integration of world stock markets has prompted thoughte that there is a need for an index covering the mega. multi-national groups. BP Amoco, Footsie's biggest constituent, has a value of

£87bn with its shares held fairly equally between **British and United States** investors.

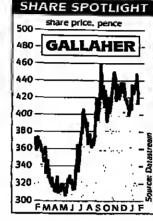
dustry; it was a major influence in British Petroleum's merger with Amoco, creating Britain's higgest company, representing 6 per cent of the Footsie index. Shares of Enterprise and Lasmo have crashed, Eighteen months ago Enterprise was riding at 729.5p; last year Lasmo almost reached 300p.

Four years ago Lasmo. after a furious takeover battle. managed to resist a bid from Enterprise which was left with oil all over its corporate face. group, said to be about to Lasmo is not thought to be strike at a Dutch telephone over-keen on surrendering its company called Equant, 7.5p hard-won independence to to 935p. Renewed talk that Enterprise so soon after its ScottishPower planned to de- their profits season with Na- GULT INDEX: 115.43 -0.43

MARKET



PAIN



famous victory. It is felt if another company shows sufficient interest, it would be anxious to talk.

The stock market had another busy, if lacklustre, session with turnover again topping 1 billion shares. Footsie sadly lacked inspiration, ending 20.4 points lower at 5. 834.9. Even the mid cap index faltered but the small cap again kept the flag flying with a 7.2 advance to 2,217.1. Bids and deals again con-

tributed to the proceedings. Ladbroke galloped 38p to 269p in response to its agreed cash and shares take over of Stakis, the casino and hotel chain, Stakis, on hopes of a counter bid, rose 16p to 157p. The deal filtered through to

bewhiskered old bid favourite First Leisure, up 10p at 218.5p, but Northern Leisure, strong last week on speculative talk, fell 11p to 137.5p. BT's Internet deal with Mi-

crosoft lifted the telecom

merge its telecom side pushed tional Westminster off 30p to the shares 7p higher at 607p.

Sun Life & Provincial fell again - 9p to 482p. The insurer's steady decline has reduced the value of its bid for GRE, off 2.5p at 351.5p. There are suggestions Royal & Sun Alliance, off 4.25p to 475p, may soon be tempted to roll out a hostile bid if the Sun takeover price continues to drift lower.

Rebus, a computer group, gained 18p to 177.5p after a Bermudan investment group, which in a raid picked up nearly 30 per cent of capital, mounted an agreed bid. Pycraft & Arnold, a loss adjuster, rose 15p to 68.50 after reporting a bid approach but warning any offer would not be much above 53.5p.

Limelight, the bathrooms and kitchens group where a bidder hirks, edged ahead 4.5p to 47p but taxi-maker Maganese Bronze, denying reports of an offer, lost an early 29p gain to end unchanged at 266p.

GB Railways, at one time around 180p higher, ended 14p ahead at 157.5p after denying bid talks. First Group was said to be the interested party.

The bid ferment continued mong pub companies. Cafe Inns frothed ahead 20p to 224p after admitting bid talks, thought to be with Century Inns, 6p up at 122.5p. Pubs 'n' Bars duly confirmed it was in talks to huy unquoted pub chains and rose 2p to 52p. Showbiz group EMI was at

one time up 20.25p on a report of Rupert Murdoch interest; the price closed up just 3.25p at 453,75p. Engineer FKI hardened 11.5p to 175p on suggestions of a 200p-a-share management huy out led by chairman Jeff Whalley. West-LB Panmure believes a fair value level is 250p. And talk of developments at Debenhams, the department stores chain, produced a 9.5p gain to 423.5p. Away from bids and deals

group, ended 7.5p lower at 750.5p after a rogue trade, sub-sequently cancelled, had briefly smashed the price to 651.5p. Gallaher, the cigarette group, fell 10.5p to 414.5p as its Royal Warrant went up in smoke but glass-maker Pilk-

RMC, the building materials

ington rose 7p to 71.5p as bid talk continued. Banks were weak ahead of

1,144p. But utilities returned to favour with investors encouraged by their safe haven status and dividend vields. Thames Water splashed 42p higher at 1,099p. Mining shares also came in from the cold. Billiton

rose 11p to 126p and RioTinto 39p to 790p. Lonrho gained 10p to 355p. Deutsche Bank upgraded Rio to out-perform claiming that high quality miners are coming back into vogue. Firmer metal prices were another influence.

Scotia rose 29p (after 37p) to 98.5p following the after clinching of a deal with US food giant General Mills to sell its Olibra weight control product: the shares were once 800p.

Comino, a computer group, logged a 22.5p gain to 225p after Peel Hunt suggested a 280p target and forecast profits of £2.7m (£2m) for the year ending next month.

Hornby, the toy-maker, held at 163.5p after Hill Samuel sold

SHIELD DIAGNOSTIC shaded 10p to 460p. There are worries that its proposed merger with Axis Biochemicals is running into difficulties. But the group said it was still talking to the Norwegian gronp and a merger agreement should be struck later this month. As part of the tie-up,

Shield is likely to have to raise up to £12m, probably through a rights issue. The shares hit 550p when the deal was announced last month.

990,000 shares, representing 11.8 per cent of the capital. It is left with 1.9 per cent. NSB Retail, offering com-

puterised retail systems, rose 27.5p to 262.5p after Teather & Greenwood suggested profits reached £1.8m last year, will hit £2.9m this and £5.1m next. On the Ofex market Easy-Screen, providing dealing systems for futures and options markets, had another rip roaring session, up 1450. Shares were floated last month at 167p.

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INVESTMENT

Safeway figures bring cheer to supermarkets

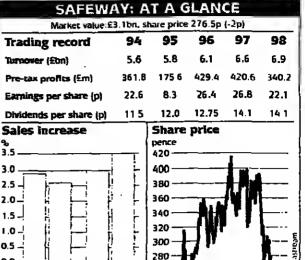
BY NIGEL COPE **Associate City Editor**

SAFEWAY yesterday provided some upbeat news for the supermarket sector with a solid Christmas trading update which showed the company had escaped the squeeze on sales which has affected Sainsbury's.

Safeway's sales in the six weeks over the Christmas and New Year period were up by 2.9 per cent on an underlying basis, stripping out petrol sales. Though this is behind the 4.1 per cent sales rise reported by Tesco last month, it is well ahead of the 1.2 per cent gain announced by Sainsbury's in its disastrous trading statement last Friday.

Safeway's margins have been slightly affected by an increase in promotional activity on its best-selling lines as well as a mini price war on specific products such as eggs, milk

and now bread. The company's shares edged 2p lower to 276.5p on the news after an initial rise suggested relief that the figures contained no unwelcome surprises. Colin issued several warnings on prof-



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figures reflected the compa ny's attempts to improve product availability and value after last year's problems. He also claimed Safeway has outperformed the industry sales average for the past nine months, though analysts said this had only been achieved by investing

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giving a lot away on margins and in the last three months they have been up against very easy

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These figures are nothing to

get carried away about," said

one analyst. "In the first six

months of the year they were

A glance at Saleway's share

are well off their peak in the summer and over the past year have under-performed the All Share by 28 per cent. Market share has been more or less maintained at around 9.5 per cent but Safeway has not made up ground even on third placed Asda, let alone on the market

leaders. Management will brief analysts later this month on Safeway's brand positioning. The company has made much in the past of its focus on targeting higher-spending younger fanulies. But this is hardly unique and Safeway's claim to be more family-friendly is only backed up by services such as creches in a small proportion of stores.

The board is soon to be strengthened with the appointment of a new retail director. This may help improve focus but the fact is that Tesco's increasing grip on this sector means rivals are having to compete

ferociously just to stand still. On full-year profit forecasts of £350m, the shares trade on a forward multiple of 12. This is cheap for a supposedly defensive play but as one analyst puts , given the increasing compe tition, "the shares are only like-

Profits rise at PizzaExpress

PIZZAEXPRESS yesterday pledged to continue its aggressive restaurant opening programme, despite seeing a sharp slowdown in sales in the first half of the year.

The company which brought thin-crust pizzas to the masses, plans to add at least 15 outlets over the next six months, in addition to the 16 eateries opened in the first part of the year. The openings will bring the total number of restaurants in the UK and Ireland to over 200, compared with just 65 five years ago. "In 1985, the most distant PizzaExpress from London was Bristol. In 1999 our pizza will be enjoyed in restaurants from Aberdeen to Plymouth," the chairman David Page said.

His comments came as the profit to £13.2m. The rise came costs and boost margins.

BY FRANCESCO GUERRERA

despite a slump in sales growth. Like-for-like sales increased by 3 per cent, down from around 10 per cent last year, as the difficult economic conditions kept customers away from the restaurants. The company's Pasta di Milano and the recently-acquired Cafe Pasta outlets were also disappointing and failed to contribute to profits. The chief executive, Ian

Eldridge said he was not worried by the gloomy economic outlook. "I don't see any worsening of underlying demand. There is still money in people's accounts even though customers are a bit more careful these days." Mr Eldridge main-

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David Page: Expansion plans continue apace

City analysts noted that the company was less exposed to the economic vagaries than some of its rivals because its meals were cheaper. "The tained that the economic down-average spend per visit is quite company reported a 40 per turn had pushed rents down, low - around £10 - and they cent rise in interim pretax helping the company to reduce could even benefit if people 100 restaurants outside Britain trade down from more expen- within four years.

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sive offerings," one observer said, According to Ian Berry at hroker Beeson Gregory, Pizza-Express shares, which fell 7.5p to 747.5¢ yesterday are a "buy".

He said the stock, on 23 times 1999 earnings forecasts of around £29m, should be boosted hy PizzaExpress's good short term growth prospects. "The company is going to grow because they have a good track record, a simple formula and very strong cashflow thanks to good margins."

A large slice of future growth will come from abroad, as PizzaExpress plans exporting its successful formula overseas in an effort to move away from the saturated UK pizza market. The company has outlets in

a number of overseas countries - including Egypt, Cyprus and India - and wants to have over

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IN BRIEF

B&B letter plea to members

BRADFORD & BINGLEY said it was sending letters to all 2.5 million of its members urging them to reject a resolution calling for the building society to become a bank. Lindsay Mackinlay, chairman and Christopher Rodriguez. chief executive, want members to vote against the reso lution at the society's AGM on 26 April.

Unilever sale

UNILEVER vesterday said it had agreed to sell a German salads and dressings busines with sales of £175m to Gilde Investment Management, a Dutch global investment fund A division of Fritz Homann Lebensmittelweke, the business was sold for an undisclosed sum as part of Unilever's drive to focus on its core activities.

Sweet price

HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS has sold its Continental Bakeries division to Industri Kapital, a European private equity fund for £42m. Continental, which saw profits of 7.2m euros (£4.9m) in 1997, sells biscuits in the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium and is known for its Pirou chocolate wafers.

Roadshow stake

WPP GROUP, the world's second biggest advertising company, has taken a 49 per cent stake in International Presentations Ltd. IPL, which had revenues of £7.8m last year, specialises in roadshows for governments and mpanies wanting help with

private equity offerings. £55m for Vickers

VICKERS, the engineering group, vesterday predicted profits for 1998 before tax and exceptionals would come in at £55.6m, slightly above expectations. The group plans to recommend an unchanged final dividend at 4.5p; shares ended up 1.5p at 149.5p.

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Racing: Trainer's pursuit of perfection and attention to detail can add to the legend of Ballydoyle



Aidan O'Brien with Istabraq in the yard at Ballydoyle yesterday. O'Brien says his seven-year-old 'can cruise at 40mph on the bridle doing a half speed. That's unbelievable'

Caroline Norris

O'Brien masters mysterious art

above the Ballydoyle training centre Slievenamon and legend has it that an ancient Irish king would choose as his hride the first woman to reach him at the peak in a race from the flatlands. Fast runners and kings, it is what Ballydoyle is

about to this day.

Vincent O'Brien forged these training grounds with a little help from Nijinsky, El Gran Senor, Sadler's Wells and other brilliant confederates. He is almost certainly the best trainer of horseflesh there has ever been.

If he is to he overtaken it may be by the man who now shares the Ballydovie dream, the man who shares his surname. They say, quite incorrectly, that Aidan O'Brien is no relation. For he possesses the same quiet modesty, the studiousness and, above all, the horse skill of his predecessor Predictions are rash in this game, but few doubt that the heavy Ballydoyle baton has been passed to the right man.

For this is a training centre like other Ballydoyle's gallops could have been designed by Capability Brown. They were not built. They were sculpted. It is an astounding investment, and, like all investments. it must be paid for. "It's great but the disadvantage is that if you can't make a job of it here with the horses, the facilities and the staff that are

THEY CALL one of the mountains BY RICHARD EDMONDSON in Ballydoyle

> available then you're in bother," O'Brien himself concedes.

Horses are great commodities in this corner of Ireland. John Magnier, Ballydoyle's owner, is the glue between the generations. He is Dr Vincent O'Brien's son-in-law and the figure who liberated Aidan O'Brien from the world of jumping. He is also the leading man at the neighbouring Coolmore Stud, and the fuel for

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the twin operation is the nurturing of talented animals which others will

use for breeding purposes.

'Making stallions is what it's all about here," Tommy Murphy, young O'Brien's assistant and former jockey to Vincent, says. "To keep a hig place like this going and paying for itself you have to make a stallion a year at least. Aidan did it with King Of Kings last year and Desert King the season before that and he has

both got very little to say. They're both quiet, laid-back men. You always get the impression that they're always thinking, always one step ahead of you. They've no time to be chattering. Aidan can achieve great things. What he's done already is remark-

able. All he needs is the horses." O'Brien will get the horses, the raw material, and be will be expected to show the ability of a diamond cutter, polishing and shaping the valuable goods brought to him. Reward the bumper and Darapour has a and pressure will come in similar choice of handicap hurdles.

amount It is a package which makes Aidan O'Brien a particularly nervous character at the racecourse. His triumph And that is because his box reticence in front of a television camera is such that it appears he Istabraq a borse of enormous talent. may he the only trainer to have undertaken counter-interrogation the family name round these parts. training with Mossad in the Negev desert. If he ever gets a particularly difficult question he may ease a cyanide capsule out of his cuff and end it all. It is a lot to ask of a naturally shy personality, one which is just

39 years old. There is, bowever, another Aidan O'Brien and it came out in the rain at Ballydoyle yesterday. At home, and with his horses, there is a chance to relax. The 100 Flat horses, 60 of them two-year-olds, which cally he's a stronger horse," he

"He's like the doctor in many be will be nurture this year were well ways. Both of them are very dedi- away in the main complex. We were cated. You have to be here. They've in Margot's yard, one of Vincent's overspill areas, where the few National Hunt horses which O'Brien now trains are housed.

> There are just six but they are no afterthoughts. Five of them will participate at the Cheltenham Festival next month and four are expected to win. Le Coudray, the animal recently purchased for a reputed £250,000 by the celebrated punter J P McManus, heads for the Stayers' Hurdle. Give It Holly contests

> Poor Theatreworld, the runner-up in the last two Smurfit Champion Hurdles, is the one not expected to neighbour is the reigning champion

The seven-year-old has saved His three-quarter brother Secreto became a viper in this garden of Eden by beating Ballydoyle's El Gran Senor in the 1984 Derby. Istabraq's talents lie in a different field but are no less towering. He collected last year's Champion by a record 12 lengths and, worryingly for others, looks an even more potent

competitor this year. O'Brien himself has been struck by the change in the beast. "Physi-

says. "He's grown and matured. "That's why you have to take him out He's gone real round and strong, like

a sprinter.
"We haven't worked him for his races this year and he's had it easy in his races. He's gone very slick at his hurdles and he's the star who oozes class. He's getting quicker and quicker all the time."

The final remark is not conjecture. "He can cruise at 40mph on the bridle doing a half speed," the trainer says. "That's unbelievable." O'Brien does not arrive at this speed

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by guesswork. It is what the needle tells him as a jeep shadows Istabraq along one of Ballydoyie's all-weath-

Istabrag's record of 14 wins from 16 over jumps suggests he is an athlete of some resolve. The reality, though, is that he has a fragile psyche and each day has to be the same or his temperament will fold.

"He's got as relaxed as he ever was but he hates being taken from his routine," the trainer says.

first lot every day and leave him be.
If you asked him to do something different he'd boil up.

"When he gets upset he's gone and he's borderline all the time. It will always be a worry because he can go from heing real calm to boiling over just like that and you can't

do anything about it." There is nothing flamboyant about Aidan O'Brien. He has been the same since the first day of the 1993 season, when he saddled his first jumping winner. When he

stared at the mountain of Irish racing it may have looked like a pitcher's mound through his spectacles. He conquered it in his first year. The emphasis is different now and the principal task in hand is to make a Flat horse; to elevate the likes of Orpen, Stravinsky and Lav-

ery to greatness. Before then he will attend Cheltenham and, as his nature demands, he will travel in day trips so that he can be with his horses morning and night. The helicopter from Ballydoyle to Presthury Park will shuttle hack and forward, an hour and a half trip

"All the horses that are going there look like they have chances, he says. "There's still a big buzz." Aidan O'Brien will have that surrounding him for the rest of his Bal-

Henry wants line-out clarified

RUGBY UNION

BY WYN GRIFFITHS

GRAHAM HENRY, the Wales coach, will fly to Dublin on Thursday to meet Steve Griffiths, the International Rugby Board referees' development

Henry was disappointed with the way the English referce Ed Morri son handled the line-out during Wales' defeat to Scotland in the Five Nations' match at Murrayfield on Saturday. Morrison clamped down on the Welsh tactic of arriving late at the line-out in order to secure quick ball. He called them in to the line-out repeatedly, negating a tactic which had previously brought

We didn't have any problems with the Australian and Irish referee in the last two Tests, but Ed Morrison kept calling the guys in." Henry said. "It made it shambolic and increased the indecision.

Roger Pickering, the Five Nations Committee chief executive, has written to tournament sponsors Lloyds TSB complaining about the on-pitch logo in Dublin which caked Ireland and France players in dye.

The blue and red dye was not permanently adhesive to the turf, and Ireland's green shirts were soon multi-coloured. France, wearing blue, had red stains disfiguring them.

"It was unacceptable, and I have told the sponsors that they must explore the technical side of this to ensure it does not happen again, Pickering said.
The Lloyds TSB sponsorship

manager, Mark Harper, responded by saying: "I'm not aware of any complaints, I had dinner with the Irish officials on Saturday night and they all thought it looked great."

The problem occurred when it started raining just after the logo had been completed, not allowing sufficient time for it to dry. "If it had been a muddy pitch the players would have got brown on their shirts instead of hlue," Harper said. "It hasn't affected the score or made any real difference."

The New Zealand hooker Norm Hewitt hroke down in tears yesterday and admitted he had an alcohol problem. Hewitt, who is captain of the Wellington Hurricanes Super 12 side, publicly apologised for his drunken behaviour in Queenstown early on Saturday morning when he severely gashed his arm after falling through the glass door of a house. Hewitt, in Queenstown for a pre-season warm-up against Otago, apparently mistook the house for his team's hotel.

The 30-year-old bas not been dropped from either the All Black squad or the Wellington Hurricanes. but David Moffett, the New Zealand Rugby Football Union chief executive, confirmed he has been punished.

Hewitt said he would he seeking help for his drinking problem.

TOMORROW

He is Britain's most successful promoter, but if Frank Warren had his time again he would not work in boxing. Interview by **Brian Viner**

How Gatland's folly relieved me of my lolly

than your New Zealanders." So might a joyful Scotsman have said to a disconsolate Welshman, sobbing gently into his half-pint in an Edinburgh bar on Saturday night. Scotland had a New Zealand full-back, centre and flanker, while Wales asted a full-back and a coach. The Scots might also have added a New Zealand wing had they chosen him.

As we know, rugby supporters do not talk in this way. Nor would it have been a fair reflection on the match. Wales were beaten fair and square in the forwards, Scotland having a quicker back row, which surprised me, and a stronger front five, which did not.

profitable, to speculate on what Douglas Hodge's kick-off.

"OUR NEW Zealanders are better would have happened if David Young and Craig Quinnell had been fit. I thought Wales would win even in their absence, but was insufficiently confident to put any money on the outcome. As I wrote last week, Graham Henry, the Welsh coach, had produced the spine of a side hut has some way to go.

Gareth Thomas's presence would not have made any difference either. Dafydd James took his chance well, while Matthew Robinson made several almost-breaks and otherwise did everything that was asked of him except prevent Scotland's first try - though that really came from Shane Howarth's understandable, even excusable, It is possible, though not perhaps inability to make a clean catch from

Hodge is now out of the Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham in 11 days' time and perhaps for longer. It is no disrespect to Hodge to say that his absence strengthens Scotland's chances. He is a tidy enough player but is not Gregor Townsend. No one could call Townsend fidy. With the Lions in South Africa in 1997 he was famous for having his kicks charged down.

But he is also touched by genius. With Gary Armstrong to keep him on the paths of virtue, the Scots all of a sudden, by chance, have a Lions-class half-back pairing. Or, they can have one if they want it for it is being suggested that Bryan Redpath, who was injured for Sat- another Lion, Alan Tait, some- three but also taking the place urday's match, should return at where in the back five even if kicks in preference to David



WATKINS

I think Jim Telfer and his two colleagues would he better advised to retain Armstrong, to fit in Jamie Mayer returns at centre, and Humphreys.

to leave the kicking duties to Kenny

Ah, kicking. It brings us to what happened in Dublin. Here I claim some prescience. As Lord Beaverbrook once remarked, if you do not blow your own trumpet no one is going to hlow it for you. I suggested that Simon Mason should be picked at full-back for his place-kicking and that Conor O'Shea could he accommodated in the centre with either Ron Henderson or Jonathan Bell as his partner. In default of this faultless performance he gave on the arrangement (which, to be honest, I thought unlikely), I assumed Niall Woods would be on the left wing, not only part of London Irish's back

Gatland, Ireland's New Zealand coach, would do anything else. But, astonishingly, he did. When he could have been putting over goals for Ireland (though Mason would have been even more reliable) Woods was playing for London Irish against Gloucester at Sunbury, scoring a try and kicking a conversion.

It is, admittedly, impossible to say that in Saturday's conditions Mason would have reproduced the previous Saturday at the same ground. Still, it was extraordinary folly by Gatland to go into the match without either him or Woods. For once. that is not hindsight on my part and it is Gatland rather than Humphreys that I blame for losing me money.

editor of the Guardian, the great A P Wadsworth, wrote a leading article on the day hefore a general election advising his readers to vote Liberal. Next day he told his colleagues that, having done his duty to the paper's readers (and no doubt to the paper's proprietors as well), he was now off to do his duty to himself. So he trotted to the polling station to vote Labour,

Likewise I advise my readers to back France for the Five Nations, I then promptly backed Ireland at 20-1. It seemed a good bet. Indeed. it was a good bet. But despite the talk of Keith Wood and others about the Triple Crown, I do not now expect to see any return on what the bookmakers like to call my investment.

England aim to dig in for final battles

ENGLAND BEGAN this tourna- BY STEPHEN BRENKLEY ment providing abundant evidence of a force which could conquer the world. This is still not beyond them but since those heady days of three weeks ago they have sometimes given the impression of a fighting unit that would have trouble annexing their own back garden.

Perhaps this has been caused by an inadvertent relaxation, knowing that they had already advanced far enough to reach the finals of the Carltoo & United one-day series but it is a potentially dangerous busi-

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Australia finished their qualifying games with a resounding flourish, jackbooting their way round the place with a total of 310 at Melbourne, and have lost no time in suggesting that they now occupy the ground which matters and have a distinct

So they do but, as Alec Stewart, the England captain, sald defiantly; "We're in a new competition as far as I'm concerned now. We've had the first competition when we finished second hut qualified, which is what counts, and now we've got to fin-

This was slightly defensive but Stewart has a point - it is what finals are for - and readily cooceded that his side bad lost two games they should

There is nothing wrong with this side's spirit and oothing much awry either with the bowling and fielding. It is the . vulnerability. Stewart said they had made runs sometimes and sometimes they had not. But too often it has been the latter. Only twice on the six occasions they have gone in first in this series have they made above 230. Once, they made 302 and lost, but that was the game cumstances pertained, England failing to keep their heads innings.

called up

in Sydney

as cool as they might have done and Sri Lanka batting out of their socks.

"We don't have bowlers v bat-ters," said Stewart. "We're all in it together. At times we've bowled well, at others we've batted well hut it's a real team ef-

But he will be aware that the batsmen owe the bowlers a few now. If he and Nick Knight. the opeoers, could recapture their proper form it would make a marked difference. One of them has often got out early, oeither of them has gone on when they have got in. It is per-

Throughout the tournament let the opposition dictate matters. Stewart has not had many options - Australia, for instance, can use seven or eight bowlers and often do - but he has juggled them sensibly. The new-ball partnership of Darren Gough and Alan Mullally has worked with comfortable proficiency. Gough, as Stewart said, was the more explosive hut Mullally was extremely Mullally, indeed, has been

one of the most parsimonious bowlers around. He has never quite repeated the heroics of his 4 for 18 in the opening match gainst Australia and has not been as uniformly miserly as Adam Dale, but he has cooceded an average of only 3.7 runs an over Dale, for his part, has personified the timeless merits of direction and length. merits which rightly earned him inclusioo yesterday in the Australian squad for the tour of West Indies. To win, England must try to hatch a plan which involves knocking him about a bit. Pinch-hitting may not be the craze it was but the first 15 at Adelaide where special cir- overs are still important in setting the momentum of an

The next few days (the first of three possible final matches will be in Sydney tomorrow only if the rain relents, and the forecast is poor) will deter-mine not only the Cartion & United Series but will bring England closer to their World Cup squad. Different conditions - except the rain anyway - may exist in England in May hut, if this team is victorious. they will be hard to disassemble.

"The ultimate goal which was planned 18 months ago is to make sure England win the World Cup," said Stewart. "This is all part of the planning for the World Cup. We have to make sure we have the best 15 players who can win the World Cup in England. I know what my 15 England's bowlers have rarely are now but there are three other selectors. The England World Cup side of 1992 [which was beaten in the final in Australial was one of the best I have ever played in. This one has become a very good side. We have made progress since a year ago and we have played some fine cricket in this com-

> Both Gough and Neil Fair-brother are likely to be fit to play having rested their respective hamstring injuries and, although England are insistent that the policy remains of picking from the whole squad, their presence is important to balance. power and psyche. Tiredness and, therefore, paradoxically, stamina, may be a factor.

The weather may mean the use of the reserve day in Sydney on Thursday. It would still be a day-night contest finishing after 10pm and the players would then have to fly to Melbourne immediately for the second final on Friday. It could be trench warfare. England, knowing they are about to go home, should feel at home. They probably must win in Sydney to take the series, but they will oot be jackbooted



Darren Gough, whose hamstring injury has been a worry for England, warms up in Sydney yesterday

Franks is Bichel chosen for Caribbean Tucker takes five

PAUL FRANKS, the Nottinghamshire all-rounder, will join the England A tour of Zimbabwe and South Africa as a replacement for the injured Paul Hutchison who had to fly home mediately after the one-day last week because of a persistriangular tournament. tent back injury.

The England A management originally said they would not need to find a replacement for the rest of the tour, but a groin injury to the Durham fast bowler Melvyn Betts has forced a rethink as they prepare for today's second unofficial Test against Zimbabwe in Bulawayo.

Phil Neale, the England from manager, said: "This is a necessary precaution because we still have three one-day internationals in Zimbabwe and two four day matches in South Africa to play after this week's

AUSTRALIA, who seem to be engaged on a non-stop cricketing tour of the planet, selected their Test squad for the tour of the West Indies yesterday. The team departs next week im-

If there was a surprise it was the inclusion of the Queensland fast bowler Andy Bichel ahead of Mike Kasprowicz and Brendon Julian. Adam Dale has been included after a sterling one-day series, though, in the absence of the injured Damien Fleming, the Test new ball attack is likely to be Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie.

Both leg spinners, Shane Warne and Stuart MacGill, are included. Matthew Elliot has been recalled in the opening bating spot left vacant because of Mark Taylor's retirement. Three men in the squad have been

BY STEPHEN BRENKLEY

playing cricket almost without a break since September.

Steve and Mark Waugh and Ricky Ponting were at the Commonwealth Games, have since been to Pakistan for a Test and one-day series, have featured in the Ashes and the Carlton & United Series, and now embark for four Tests and probably seven one-dayers in the Caribbean. They will then travel to England for the World Cup. Apparently, the Australian Cricket Board have nothing arranged for July and August but there is time yet.

The captain for the West Indies will be announced oo Friday. The three selectors, having chosen the squad, will nominate their candidate to the 14 members of the Aus-

ommendation could be either Warne or Steve Waugh and, Muttiah Muralitharan is to stay while the Board traditionally on in Australia for an operation goes along with the panel, it is on his bowling arm. Murali will felt there is a clear majority in not leave with his team-mates

favour of Waugh. The Australian all-rounder tour of Australia. Their manag-Michael Bevan has pulled out er. Ranjit Fernando, said Sri of his commitment to play for Lanka will not be seeking any Sussex this summer and will be reaffirmation of Murali's action replaced by Michael Di Venuto. Bevan, who was to be Sussex's vice-captain, is to have a year off from his contract because of the World Cup in May and June and has signed a tion. It was never a case of askthree-year deal to return to Hove in 2000.

Sussex responded quickly by signing another Australian lefthander in Di Venuto. He has a first-class average of 41.66, having hit 4,542 runs in 65 matches. He has played in 33 one-day domestic games, scoring 877 tralian Cricket Board. That rec- runs at an average of 31.32

in rout of Kiwis Sri Lanka's off spinner JOE TUCKER, the Somerset New Zealand U-19 110 paceman, struck fear into New England U-19 126-4

Zealand to put England Under-19s into a commanding position in the second Test in Wellington

yesterday. Tucker finished with 5 for 35 as England, who lead the threematch series 1-0, bowled out the Kiwis for 110 after putting them in on a green seamer at the Basin Reserve

England then lost their first four wickets for 47 to paceman Hayden Shaw before Michael Gough, the Durham opener. produced a captain's innings. Gough had one let-off when he edged left-armer Leightoo Hammond between first and second slip, but by the close he had moved on to 65 and England were well placed on 126 for 4. Gough found a willing partner

in Yorkshire all-rounder Richard Dawson and the pair have added 79 for the fifth wicket. New Zealand were soon in

trouble in their innings when Michael Papps was bowled by Matt Whiley for a duck, and the Kiwis slumped to 8 for 3 as the next two also went for nought.

Jarrod Englefield, the New Zealand captain, took the attack to England, but be had made only 20 when be cut Tucker hard and high to Michael Carberry in the gully. A partnership of 43 for the seventh wicket between Peter McGlashan and Michael Hendry restored some order, but Tucker and Whiley then wrapped up the innings. excha-Scoreboard, page 23 boats.

restores Storm's status

MANCHESTER STORM regained the leadership of the Superleague after winning their top-of-the-table game with Cardiff Devils at the MEN Arena oo Sunday night. Following a disappointing defeat in Bracknell, Storm delivered the perfect reply in front of a crowd of 12,036 to run out 3-1 winners. ending the Welsh side's eightgame winning streak.

Jeff Jablonski fired his side

ahead after eight minutes but Devils, who recently ended Storm's year-long unbeaten home record, drew level through Merv Priest just before the half hour. Jablonski added a second with 15 minutes remaining and with the game in the balance, Stefan Ketola put the issue beyond doubt.

Nottingham Panthers can virtually concede their title hopes after they suffered a 5-2 defeat to Newcastle Riverkings at the Telewest Arena. The coach, Mike Blaisdell, has refused to write off his side's chances, however, but it oow appears to be a two-horse race.

Riverkings made a lightning start when Hilton Ruggles beat Mike Zanier within 59 seconds and Blake Knox added a second by the quarter-hour mark. But Alex Dampier's side threw away a 2-0 lead for the second successive night as Panthers netted twice in the space of 74 seconds through Darcy Leowen and Paul Adey.

The second period came to a premature end when the referee took a puck on the ankle, but Riverkings regained the lead just 38 seconds into the final period when Ruggles notched his second. A bench penalty then cost Panthers the game as Knox netted on the powerplay at 57:07 and Kevin Conway tucked home a fifth in the final seconds.

Teams trade insults

SAILING

SKIRMISHES BETWEEN boats from rival America's Cup teams on Auddand's Hauraki Gulf have triggered a police investigation. The pursuit of yachting's biggest prize is still eight months away but tempers are already reaching boiling point, and Japan's Nippon Challenge have accused Team New Zealand of nearly decapitating their helmsman.

Terry Newby, general manager of the Nippon Challenge, says the hull of the defending team's support boat came within 10 centimetres of Chris Main's head. "There was foul language and threats from the Team New Zealand chase boat driver, Newby alleged. "Chris is a tough lad, (but) it knocked the stuffing out of him."

The incident, which occurred late last week, was reported to the police maritime unit. Sergeant Lloyd McIntosh said: "We will not tolerate this sort of thing." Team New Zealand deny that

such an incident took place, but agree that strong words were exchanged between the two

Laid leaves Light Blues in the pink

ADAM LAID, a former Bluc. gave warning to Oxford as he he secred twice for Cambridge in the weekend's Gown and Town game. The University's 6-4 victory was a good time for Cambridge to return to form, with the Varsity match coming up next month.

The Light Blues other scorers were Julian Costelloe, who notched up two, Colin Campbell and the Belgian Thierry Grushin. University are still nine points behind the leaders. Peterborough, in the Premier **Halidays East Premier but** have two games in hand.

in the South, Fareham cona 2-1 victory at Blackheath. David Cousins opened the scor- just before Christmas. 8-2. ing in the 15th minute and the veleran Colin Bradbury put them further ahead just before the interval from the penalty back for Blackheath midway in 14 games and the club's to through the second half. 102 overall.

HOCKEY BY BILL COLWILL

Wimbledon, four points behind the leaders, just about keep in touch with a 3-1 win against the former National League club Gore Court, Wirnbledon's Andy Cruickshank taking advantage of the Keot side after they were reduced to 10 men. Robert Wilding and David Alford completed the scoring.

Two South sides with big ambitions were in goalscoring mood. Former internationals Don Williams and David Knapp both scored hat-tricks for Old linued their winning form with Cranleighans as they crushed Beckenham, League leaders

Down a division, Old Georgians beat Oxshott 10-0, with Gary Notton scoring five times for the second successive week spot Ravi Choda pulled one to take bis seasoo's total to 30

WARWICK

HYPERION

1.50 Edwarda 2.30 Makounji 2.50 Native King 3.20 Naughty Future 3.50 Tara-Brogan 4.20 Avostar 4.50 Goodthynelady

INSPECTION: 7.30em
GOING: Good to Soft (Soft in places on hurdles course). Left-hand course. Flur-in of 240 yards.

Course is W of town on 84095. Buses from stations at Warwick (in) and Learnington Spa (zm), ADMISSION: Cub £13; Tat-tersalls £9 (card-carrying students half-price, accompanied under-45 free); Course £5 CAR PARK: £5 in members; centire

FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS ELEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 25-106 (238%), O Nicholson 24-108 (222%) Mrs J Pitman 15-72 (203%) N FDavies 11-81 (36%). III LEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 22-56 (393%), R Johanson 29-6: (DU7%) N Williamson 19-8: (22.2%), A Maguire 14-62 (22.6%).

FAVOURITES: 155-109 (37.9%). BUNKERED FIRST TIME: None.

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BETTING: 64 Edwards, 7-2 Go

Goodwood Cavaller has an obvious chance, but preference is for EDWARDA, who ran too treely last time and may be able to get a lead from Baddlers' Roe here. Edwarda's stablemate lusahlahway is among time Thuriph Hurdle entires - linner Light and Joiles Jewel are the others - but lost his way on the Flat.

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by the International Cricket

Council. "There's no need. The

ICC has approved his action and

there's been no change," be

said. "We're happy with his ac-

ing him to do any remedial

why it should be done now.

There's been no change in his

action from then until now -

there shouldn't be any problem."

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work and I don't see any reason

2.20 PRINCETHORPE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) 25,500 added 2m 4f 110yds 1 2211 ATOURS (F4T3) Miss A M Newton-Smith 11 to 3 ... E Byrus (7)
2 P4233 BARHALE BOY (51) 7 Cesey 7 ti 3 7 J Murphy
3 33434 CH(CODARI (10) (C) D Nicholson 7 ti 3 R Johnson
4 24-SF LORD NOBLE (35) Miss H Krights 11 3 R Thorston
5 0F SPRITED STATEMENT (51) S Bookshare 9 ti 3 A P McCoy
7 1-051 MAXCOUNLI (FR) (14) 0D N Handanson 5 to 6 ... M A Plageand
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FORM VERDICT

MAKOUNJI is much the Brailest winner, even if backing shortpriced and independenced novice chasers makes no appeal
as a betting strategy. For those seaking a bigger-priced alternative, Land Noelle makes most appeal.

2.50 IAN WILLIAMS 'NH' NOVICE HURDLE

L		'∐ (Qualifier) (D) £4,000 2m 4f 110yds
1	31	NATIVE KING (SV) JOK 7 ft 10
2	12-341	WINISTON RUN (43) (D) Williams 7 tl O
3	0-2101	LIFE'S WORK (19) P Hothis 7 11 5 R Durwood
4	0-F40	AMERICAN STYLE (75) Mrs I McKe 7 11 0 R Thornton
5	G-	GONE BALLISTIC (\$54) D Nicholson 6 11 0
6	0-	HERBISAHEAD (\$14) M Wilenson 7 11 0
7		KING PADOY (17) Mrs S Johnson 7 11 0
6		MEADOWS BOY (40) 8 Paling 7 11 0 W Merster
9	42-44	MORE TURKY (131) N Henderson 6 11 O M A Fitzgerald
0	000-	MOR'S CASH FOR PUN (281) H Collegedge 8 ti Q P Hide
11	0-5	NICELY RELAXED (115) D Sherwood 8 ft 0
1	6-5276	PRINCE TOR (17) S Brookshaw 6 11 0 S Wyrang
4	3	STRONG CABINET Miss V Williams 6 to 0 N Williamson

BETTING: 7-4 Native King, 4-1 Winston Run, 11-2 Lile's Work, 6-1 Strong Cabinat, 10-1 More Toney, Micely Related, 18-1 Prince Tor, 20-1 others FORM VERDICT

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Three Royal & SunAlignee Hurde possibles - NATIVE KING, Winstee Run and Strong Cabinet - are likely to dominate. Strong Cabinets breading suggests he may be more of a long-term proposition than the previous winners. Using Artems as a yardstick. Native King has the edge on Winston Run, and looks the less exposed of the pair.

3.20 CORAL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £10,000 added 3m 5f

3-2246 RECTORY GARDEN (19) H Daly 10 11 5 ______ R Johnson 33-EP STAY LUCKY (31) N Henderson () 11 3 _____ M A Rizgerald B 65334- FULL OF OATS (302) (CD) P Hobbs 11 0 8 ___ R Durwoods

0 P2-33 KONGHT'S CREST (52) (C) R Dickin 9 to 3 _____ C Lienna 11 3-US3 LAY IT OFF (39) (D) J O'Neil to 10 2 _____ D Las FORM VERDICT

OBAN has sound claims on the bare form he showed at Taumon test time, a run which suggests he will stay 3m5t, and it can pay to take the chance that the binkers will work again. Knight's Creat has to be respected, while Full Of Oats is hardly one to rule out despite his age, but both could struggle to cope with Oben if he's in the same mood as last time.

3.50 IAN WILLIAMS OWNERS HANDICAP HURDLE (C) £6,500 added 2m 4f 110yds 6 SISP-4 TWO TO TANGO (129) N TwiStot-Davies 5 O O C Liencelly:

-6 declared Minimum weight: 10st. True handicap weights: Two To Tango Set 10st.
BETTING: 9-4 Cell My Greek, 5-2 Tans-Brogen, 9-2 Nocksty, 8-1 As 8-1 Claudia Electric, 14-1 Two To Tango FORM VERDICT

It can pay to concentrate on CALL MY GUEST and Claudia Electric. A sound case can be made for the older horse, though he has been limited to just a single appearance this term, but there are grounds for having a sever on Claudia Electric - goes well fresh - at likely decent odds.

4.20 AIR WEDDING TROPHY HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) £1,500 added 3m 2f

PORM VERDICT

APPLE JOHN can fulfi his potential. There are no fitness doubts over Avcetar. Single Man is one to free an eye on.

4.50 FEBRUARY MAIDEN NH FLAT RACE (H) 21,750 added fillies & mares 2m

BRANDY SNAP N Henderson 5 11 8. M. P. Molhodiand (7)

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ELEGANT MAID Graeme Rec 5 11 8. M. S. Genham (7)

GOODTHYNEL MOY Mrs. J Phran 5 11 8. M. T. Gibony (5)

GULSHAM N THISTON-Davies 5 11 8. M. T. Gibony (5)

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MOON ELAND J Knop 5 11 6. M. T. N. Facilly (7)

GOLDEN COME 6 STREET 4 10 22. M. Henderson (8)

S. SOVERSIGN BELLE COSE N Henderson (8) M. H. R. Smith (7)

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Tiutchev on Storm the rise and out of reach

TWENTYTWO runners were BY GREG WOOD declared yesterday for the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury on Saturday, but it was the identity of one of the scratchings which prompted a serious readjustment of the ante-post odds. When the entries appeared, Pridwell, the top weight, was missing, and so too were the next four names on the list. As a result, the weights rose by 20lb, and Tiutchev is now the strongest favourite for the race since Vicario Di Bray, 10 years

There are two ways of looking at this wholesale makeover for the Tote Gold Trophy which is normally one of the most compelling betting events of the winter. The sponsors, naturally, claim to be happy that all but one of the entries will now be able to race off their correct handicap mark, whereas with Pridwell compressing the weights, a dozen more would have been racing with more than their fair share of weight.

From the punting point of view, however, it is hard to see beyond the 6-4 now offered against Tiutchev by the Tote. which is the sort of price more normally associated with the favourite for the Champion Hurdle. Before Pridwell was cancelled out of the equation, Tiutchev would have been forced to run from 7lb out of the handicap. Now, off his true mark, he appears to be not merely a good thing, but the His take-out with the sponsors best thing for months, and unless Stanley Racing know something we do not, the 9-4 they have chalked up against Tiutchev will surely disappear long before the weekend.

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GOING: Standard. STALLS: Inside, except im - outside

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LINGFIELD

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Equitack surface; left-hand, sharp unditisting course.
Course is SE of town on B2028, Linglish station (served by Landon, Victoria) adjoins course. ADMISSION: One enclosure STI CAR PARK: Cub C3; remainder free.
FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

ELADING THAINERS: G L Moore 88-663 (133%), M Johnston 49-275 (173%), R Hannon 49-376 (13%), Mins G Kelleway 44-316 (133%), S Dow 36-409 (83%).

ELEADING JOCKEYS: A Clark 77-666 (127%), J Wesner 68-307 (221%), S Sanders 68-563 (115%), S Whitworth 55-382 (14%), R Cochrane 54-342 (153%).

BS-963 (115%), S. WINKINGER STATE (14%), IT CONTRIBED STATE (16%),

ELONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: An Executive Do (250), Muselee (400) and Lady
Caroline (430) have been sent 270 miles.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Avandale Girl (430).

2.00 HURST POINT CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS F) £2,750 added 1m Penalty Value £2,038

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Mawkath: Improved by binkers and maiden winner here lest month. Prominent until weakening in the final 21 when 7th to Lydan over course and distance lest time and only 3th better in with ruman-up feotilist for 13th lengths. Waiting Knight: Otten makes the running and made most to whi a meliden over course and distance lest week. More to do here Broughtons Error: Modest handlospper on turt in 1997. Now 14th lower than when less ran on the AW here in November, 1996, but returns after a 19-month layoff Famour. Maden hundle, inconsistent on the Flat and hea won once (over 10th in France) from 25 outlings. Beaten 10 lengths by Key To The City (2nd) when 8th to Philister here (10t) less month and 12th worse off Key 15. The City: is in month and 12th worse off Key 15. The City: is in month and 12th overs off the 15th and heavy and when 2nd to Philister over 10th here last month, Falled to continu that form when 2th to 8 at Wolver-hampton (1ft) last time, but worth another chance back on this surface. Raspberry Sauce: Made all in a handlosp over course and distance in December and probably unsuited by the drop back in the when 2th of 3 here (7ft) last time. Would have a better chance in handlosp over course and distance last month with Mawkath in 7th. Best effort so far on the AW and good chance here Cavalline: Irish import, placed twee frems 5 outlings there lest year and first run for new yeart. Acts on soft ground, but hard to assess the effort so far on the AW and good chance here Cavalline: Irish import, placed twee from 5 outlings there lest year and first run for new yeart. Acts on soft ground, but hard to assess better on turf them AW. Hea yet, to see beyond 61 and would be receiving weight in a handlosper in Ireland UES before and one to leave alone for the time being VER DICT: Paul Eccles (KEY TO THE CITY was a useful hendcapper in Ireland VER DICT: Paul Eccles (KEY TO THE CITY was a useful hendcapper in Ireland VER DICT: Paul Eccles (KEY TO THE CITY was a useful hendcapper in Ireland VER DICT:

VERDICT: Paul Eccles' KEY TO THE CITY was a useful handicapper in Ireland and made a promising first appearance for his new yard when runner-up to Phillister here lest month, it may be worth ignoring his next run at Wolverhampton

2.30 DUNGENESS POINT CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) \$2,750 added 3YO 1m 2f Penalty Value \$2,009

BETTING: 11-18 An Executive Do, 5-1 Martin Rellip, 6-1 King Flyer, Winnesser, 10-1 Strepson's Domeir, 12-1 Coral Reef, Cardydd Fach, 14-1 Little Henry, 12-1 Coral Reef, Cardydd Fach, 14-1 Little Henry, 10-1 To 12-1 Coral Reef, 12-1 Coral Reef, 12-1 Coral Reef, 14-1 Little Henry, 12-1 Coral Reef, 12-1 Coral Reef, 14-1 Little Henry, 12-1 Coral Reef, 12-1 Coral Re

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An Executive Do: Railed after loang his piece at heliway when 5th to Deursted here (my last month, so may be suited by this trip, but is worse off with King Flyer (3rd) King Flyer: Maiden handicapper, first sign of shifty on AW when 3rd to Deursted here (1m) last month with An Executive Do (1b worse off) 2 lengths back in 5th. Did not appear to stay on only previous attempt over this trip

backers will bother to study is Tiutchev's success in the Lanzarote Hurdle last month. He won, with plenty to spare, by six lengths, yet he will compete off a lower mark on Saturday. Until yesterday, he was shoulder-toshoulder with Wahiba Sands, who won the Gerry Fielden Hurdle three months ago, in the ante-post betting. Now, though, Wahiba Sands is out to 6-1 from 4-1, since he must now carry top weight of 12 stone.

Normally, you might expect Martin Pipe, Wahiba Sands' trainer, to be less than delighted at this turn of events, but since he also trains Pridwell, he

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Space Race (Lingfield 3.30) NB: Royal Preview (Lingfield 4.30)

can hardly complain. The conclusion must be that either he believes that Wahiba Sands is good enough to win anyway, or that one of his three remaining entries, Amitge, Rainwatch and Vent D'Aout, will do so instead.

The bookmakers are not convinced, however, and douhle-figure odds are available about all three. The prospects do not look good for those layers who, like the Tote, have laid Trutchev at all rates from 16-1. alone is £150,000, and their only consolation is the desperate record of favourites in the race. Mysilv is the only market leader to have obliged in the last 10 years, with Vicario Di Bray, who started at odds-on, Edel-

3.30 Space Race 4.00 Spick And Span (nap)

weis Du Moulin and, 12 months ago, Graphic Equaliser among those who have failed. Since there is £100,000 in added prize money on offer.

there should be a big field on Saturday Since Trutchev is not a front-runner, there is always the chance that something else will fall in front of him, (and when there are bookies that need saving cynics will mutter, something usually does). But one significant oppo-

nent may no longer make the trip to Newbury. Nomadic. trained in Ireland by Noel Meade, will now be required to carry 11st 9lb, which may persuade his connections to get a refund on his ticket

"We were really looking forward to running Nomadic, we worked him yesterday and be went very well." Meade said yesterday. "But, I don't think we'd want to be giving that sort of weight away, it wouldn't make a lot of sense." Meade may still send Snow Dragon to the Trophy, although be will not be confirmed as a runner until later this week,

With Newbury running plans in confusion, punters turned instead to the Gold Cup yesterday. Teeton Mill was backed from 5-1 to 4-1 with Hills, as Venetia Williams, his trainer, insisted yet again that rumours of training problems with the King George winner are unfounded. Since Williams is by nature far more open about her horses than many of her colleagues, it seems a shame that a few people continue to doubt her word.

Yesterday's card at Newcastle and today's Carlisle meeting are victims of frost. Warwick inspect at 7.30am.

Wannower: AW debut. Ran twice for John Dunlop last season and beatan only 10 lengths when Tith of 20 on debut at Newbury (61, good to firm) in May Coral Realt. Has shown signs of temperament on buf and finished 3rd on only start on AW at Wohsthampton (71) in July with Simpson's Decembr, who is 10to better off the first the season of the Simpson of t

or 3'4 lengths, in 8th Little Henry: Poor torm in maidens and sellers and a maiden after 13 adempts. Only

Letter Hearty: Poor form of manders and several and a modern page to assemble. City 2nd fund on AW when 7th of 10 to Nakod Ost at Woherhampton (P) on Securdary Meeting Reflyt Better form in test 2 outings on AW in caumer (7) and a select (m) here and step up to longer trip may suit. Caerchydd Facht: Better form on turt man AW and did not appear to stay 111 when 5th of 9 behind Palatin at Southwell test month, Beatan 201/, langths when 6th of 7 behind Love Buse at Woherhampton (B) last time Stepon's Domain: Made some headway under pressure when 8th to Track Denoer

VERDICT: AN EXECUTIVE DO resums to a claimer after two respectable afforts in handloop company. The only provious winner in the line-up, the was having his first outing since July when tifth to Caunted here first) less month, two langths behind King Phyer (third). There are possibilities about AW deutente Winnewer.

3.00 CALL SALES & MARKETING MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,250 added 61 Penelty Value £3,572

BETTING: 5-4 Devilette, 11-4 Love Opens, 8-1 Pederlok Jerses, 8-1 College Chok; 10-1 Denekti, 14-1 Scurrilous, 25-1 Asysted, 50-1 Scrott Birgo 1998: Red Papper 3 8 9 S Whetworts 15-8 fax (P Howing) driven (2 5 sent

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Asysaed: Disappointing on turf for Berry Hills and sold for 6,500grain in July. Weakered final turiong when 7th of 10 to Al Mabhool on AM debut over course and distence in November and first not since.

Denside Unraced less term, but placed twice in France as 2yo. Stayed on final furlong when 5th (besters 4 lengths) of 13 to Dryad at Wolverhampton (2f) less month
Prederick Jamese. Led until headed 11 out when 3rd of 9 to Prodigal Son and Love
Opers at Wolverhampton (7f) less week and has 5th put with runner-up for 1½ lengths
Love Opers: Visioned first time when runner-up to Prodigal Son at Wolverhampton
(7f) less week, but is 6th worse off for 1½ lengths with Prederick James (3rd)
Secret Tangor No sign of ability on turf or over hurdes. First run for new yard and
first since February 396, when 8th of 10 (besters 15 lengths) to Pelacogate Touch
over course and distance less month.

Scarrifous: Placed once (over 6f) less session from 2 outings for Michael Bell and
unplaced once for David Nichola. First run for new yard when 7th of 10 (besters 15
lengths) to Palacogate Touch over course and distance last month.

College Choir: Unraced College Chapel gelding but of a Lyphart's Special mana.
Stable have gone over 7 weeks without an AM witner
Devillette: Rairs runner for John Goeden on the AM. Runner-up in meldens on turf
last season over 5 here and at Windoo: Unruly in the stalls when 10th of 14 to Subsen
at Yannouth (8f) in September.

VEROICT: Provided DEVILETTA behaves herself in the stalls and gets away or s, she should prove too sharp. Densidil, sold for 19,000gns in October, sh ise on his first run for Jack Bertis last month and looks the main dancer.

3.30 ARENA LEISURE PLC STAKES (CLASS C) £9,000 added 1m 2f Penalty Value £5,462

— 6 Geotered — BETTENC: 9-4 Unreal City, 6-2 Space Race, 7-2 Grabmuco, 5-1 White Plains, 8-1 Scraggye Dream, 18-1 State Of Castion 1986: Steamroler Starty 5-9 to Holland 7-2 (C Cycer) drawn (1) 6 ran

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Grainment: Rain as if he needed race on first outing since August when 4th of 5 here

[mi] lest week. Has shown he stays this longer trip and should come on for the run

White Plainst: Has won 4 times over course and distance. Had every chance until

westerning 21 out when 5th to Danzino over course and distance. Had every chance until

meets numerup Unreal City on 1b worse terms for 67-lengths.

Space Race: Improved form when whating handlesp here (3 hm) last moreth on only

2nd outing since May. Has mon over thus as should not be bothered by drop in trip

State Of Causiont: Weakersed first furiong when 5th of 8 to Nomore Mr. Niceguy here

(m) in December and Unreal City 8th, besten 5 lengths) reopposes on seme terms.

Unreal City: Held by State Of Causion on their running here (m) in December, but

Inad White Plains 69/lengths best in 5th when runner-up to Denano over course

and distance before that and is 1b bester off.

Semeony Dreams Solvy saws on deput at Brighton (m) in October, but won a maid-

and cases are well as the property of the prop

VERDICT: Unreal City ran a better race on the AW over this trip in December than he did when dropped back to a mile last time. However, he is nated behind GRAL-MANO, who needed the outing when fourth here last week

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over course and distance last time, but 51b worse off with An Executive Do



Tiutchev on his way to victory in Kempton's Lanzarote Hurdle

4.00 EDDYSTONE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,500 added 2m

Penalty Value £2,634

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Philosophic: Useful hendicapper and won 4 times here (3 over this trip) last seeson. No chartee final 44 when 6th to Royal Routeite over course and distance last month. Held at the weights by Hartik (3rd) and Musatise (4th)

Father Styr: Ungenuine hundler/chaster. Westened 4 furlongs out when 8th of 11 to Pediaut over ourse and distance last month with Spick And Span 2nd, Behlind The Scenes 3rd, and Hartik ethicks Musetise and Philosophic on their running over course and distance last month, but could make no impression in the final 31 when 4th, beaten 9% lengths, to Padauk over course and distance last time and is 6th better off.
Chabrot: Pound 11/m los short when 5th here last month and better effort when 3rd at Southwell (2m) before that. Hes won once (claimer) from 26 outings. Spick And Span: Led over 3f out until headed 1f out when 2nd to Padauk over course and distance last month and has a 25 put for 1% lengths.

Pedautic Preaty got off the mark at his 28th extempt when beating Spick And Span 1% lengths over course and distance last time. Jul is 28th worse off with Behind The Scenes: (3rd, beaten 4% lengths).

Museties: On a 12th higher mark then when winning over course and distance last month and 4th worse off with Behind The Scenes: Unreliable (won once from 19 outings), but kept on one poce in the final 3t when 3rd to Padauk and Spain over course and distance last time. Has 5th put with whinner for 4% lengths once from 19 notings), but kept on one poce in the final 3t when 3rd to Padauk and Spain over course and distance last time. Has 5th put with whinner for 4% lengths and 30 better with 2nd for 3% lengths. Charifies Gold: First outing on AM since firstening 7th to Philosophic with Behind The Scenes: 4th here in August, but has been running over hurdles.

Apopaloc: Maiden handicapper, and reappeared after an 11-week layoff when 3rd of 8 to No Shoes No Nows at Southwell (1/m) last month.

Appyabo: Maiden handcapper, and reappeared after an 11-week layoff when 3rd of 8 to No Shoes No News at Southwell (11/m) last month.

or a to the stress no heavy at southing it (-) has the form.

Herrery White: Seems better on but (has won 4 times at distances up to *m3f) than AW. Well handicapped on turf form, but has yet to show he stays the trip Strongdebas. AW debut. Unplaced in 3 outings in *reland last season at distances up to 1 five and disappointing in both starts over hurdles this season for new yard Californett: Malden handicapper, outpaced 4f out when 4th to Coleridge over course. Catchment: Malden handicapper, outpaced 4f out when 4th to Coleridge over course and distance in December, but has a 7th pull for 4½ lengths with runner-up Padauk. VERDICT: SPICK AND SPAN, a winner over hundles in October, chased home Padaulk over the course and distance last month and his 2th pull for a length and a quarter may just be enough to enable him to reverse the placings.

4.30 NEEDLES HANOICAP (CLASS E) £3,500 added 3YO 60 Penalty Value £2,558

- 7 overland -SETTING: 5-4 Royal Proview, 7-2 Westside Piyes, 5-1 Ludy Caroline, 8-1 Hicholes Mistrees, 12-1 Archdele Girl, 16-1 Credenza, 20-1 Castgetyotzbreath

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Royal Preview: Much improved on AW and completed a hat-mok when making all at Witherhampton (8) list week with Classgetyeurbreath 8th. 8th higher Carstgetyeurbreath: Soon dropped but after 21 when lear of 9 (beaten 34 lengths) behind Royal Preview at Wolverhampton (6) list week and only 6th better in Lady Caroline: Made all to win over course and distance in December and just caught for 4th place when 5th to Kayo Gee here (5) last month with Avandale Girl 6th and Carolines 8th. Chance here off a 25 lower mark Avandale Girl; Has twos finished behind Lady Caroline; this season and only 2th better off for 3'/2 fengths on their last running together. Seems better on fart, slowly sway both runs on AW and binkered first time. Westalde Flyer: Steps up in class other winning a claimer at Southwell (6) last month and firsthing 2nd to Light Brezze in a seller over course and detance last week. Crustertes: Maiden selling handsapper and soon struggling after 2 Whete last of 8 to Keyo Gee (Lady Caroline 5th and Avandale Lady 6th) over 5t here last month Nicholias Mistreas: Maiden handsapper, only modest form in sellers at distances up to 1th in 17 outings on turn and AW.

VERDICT: ROYAL PREVIEW completed a hat-trick in style at Wolverhampton last.

VERDICT: ROYAL PREVIEW completed a het-trick in style at Wolverhempton last week and a 6th like in the weights may not prevent her from following up. She was smartly away from the stells, unlike her two previous outings on the at-weather, and did not have to be inciden out to best Indian Swinger by seven lengths.

Florida supporters may come a pearler

FLORIDA PEARL is a top-priced 11-4 for the Gold Cup fol-lowing Sunday's win at Leopardstown But, a speedy sort, who is often low at his fences and looked at his peak on Sunday, he beat Escartefigue by only two lengths (Teeton Mill beat him hy six at Kempton) and looks poor value. The Tri-umph Hurdle hope Knife Edge beat Golden Rule treceived 4lb) two lengths in the Spring Hurdle, while Royal & SunAl-

liance Novice Hurdle contender

Alexander Banquet gave Native

ANTE-POST UPDATE

Upmanship 6lb and a sevenlength beating in the Deloittte and Touch Novice Hurdle. Nick Dundee, favourite for the Royal & SunAlliance Novice Chase. won the Dr P J Moriarty Novice Chase by 15 lengths. Champion Chase hope Edredon Bleu gave Mandys Mantino 8lb and nine-length beating at Sandown on Saturday.

Hacse (Traner-veight)	Com	Was Hill	Ladbrokes	Stanley	Ton
Nutchev (D Nichobon, 10st (3b)	2/1	21	2-1	H	6-4
Khaliba Suncis (Al Pipe 12st)	41	41	51	<u>s:</u>	61
Sharpical (N Henderson TISTOD)	101	101	10-1	B1	124
Decoupage (C Egenon/11st)	2.1	£1	ή·1	141	21
Polar Prospect (P Nobbs/11st1lb)	14-1	14-1	<u>E-1</u>	· ~~ i4i ~~	
Midwight Legand (I) Nicholsov Trest?	1 1 1	14-1	16-1	41	20-1
iomadic (Ni Meacle(Irl), Tist9b)	20-1	10-1	141	16.	21
telementah (M Pipe/11st5ib)	20-1	16.1	··· 4-1	16.1	1 -1
Snow Dragon (N. Mascie (N)/10st 7(b)	20-1	16-1	doubted	20-1	₹-1
City Had (Mrs V Vitard-71st Edit)	25-1	30-1	25-1	25-1	₹5-1
Effectual (Mass V Williams 1943b)	16-1	20-1	61	25-1	2
hent D'Acut (M Pos/Ostříbi	20-1	30.1	20-1	25-1	20-1
Septem (D Elsworth/10stOls)	20-1	351	39-1	35-7	25.1
Eleter Ren (N Treston-Daves/10st6to)	33-1	251	20-1	3-1	75.
telebour Francier (M Pipe/CSI)	33-1	31	25-1	_ <u>_</u>	35.
Section's Reader P Hobbs/Wassily	25-1	251	33-1	2-1	
lograde (N Treston Davies Tist City)	25-1	33-1	33-1	33-1	
Lustings (M Proe 10s(10e)	25-1	33-1	40-1	23-1	32-1
Shanlow (D Nicholson, Tist(2b)	40-1	40-1	40-1	32-1	40-1
Siren Song (C Marry Sert2b)	40-1	40-1	40-1	40-1	731
Value (M Planer, TistSib)	25-1	33.1	40-1	33-1	انت
rooms End (P Bower/Tott)	100-1	100-1	66-1	66-1	135-1
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SUPREME NOVICE	HURD	LE (2m	110yds)	
House (Trainer)	Com	Was Hill	Ludbrokse	7500
Joe Mac (C Rocheld)	7.2	72	3:	6-1
Cardinal Hill (N Mosts)(I)	8-1	31	32	9-1
Hidehound (N Henderson)	91	71	7.1	6-:
Colonel Yeager (M Lynch-1-)	10-1	10-1	10-1	13-1
Quel Senor (F Doumen/Fr)	10-1	81	6-1	2.1
Each-way a quarter the ocids, place	st2,3 (Chei	bonham Tuesday	16 March	

ARKEE C	HALLENG	_	INOFAI	MOTICE	CRASE	(400)
House (Trainer)			Was Hill	Ladbrokee	Stanley	Total
His Song (M Morre		6-1	51	5-1	11-2	17-2
Tresor De Mei (N F	(pe)	H	6-1	74	7-1	7.1
Majedou (M Pipe)		10-1	10-1	9-1	71	
Kuraktra (J Gillord)		124	10-1	10-1	10-1	n-1
Potentiale (SA Pipe)		12-1	10-1	12-1	12-1	71.1

CHAM	PION N	UROLE	(2m 110	yds)	
Horse (Variet)	Com	Was Heat	Ladbrokes	Stanley	Total
Scholang (A O'Bres/M)	1-2	4-7	47	1.2	8-13
Franch Holly (F Murphy)	10-1	8-1	6-1	8-1	81
Blowing Wind (M Pipe)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
Thatchev (D Michoban)	10-1	16-1	16-1	20-1	20-1
Date Star (J M Jeljerson)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
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Horse (Trainer)	Count	Was Hill	Ladbolas	Stanley	Total
Burton (T Easterby)	2-1	94	2.1	94	94
Alexander Benquet (W Alutins/Irt)	5-1	6-1	5-1	7-2	9-2
Cardinal Hill (N Meade/N)	6 -1	6-1	B-1	M	
King's Road (M Twiston-Devies)	12-1	12-1	10-1	11-1	13-1
All Gong (Al Henderson)	20-1	74-1	36-1	36-1	

Horse (Painer)	Coral	We the	Lidboles	Stanley	To
Direct Route (J H Johnson)	4-1	4-1	9-2	7-2	
Edredon Blea (Ales H Knght)	64	5-1	5-1	740	5-
Ask Tom (T Tate)	7-1	8-1	6-1	74	Ę-
Call Equiname (P Nichols)	6-1	6-1	8-1	7-1	6-
Lake Karibe (P Nicholisi	12-1	12-1	12-1	12-1	12-

Horse (Barrer)	Corpl	War Hill	Ladbolus	Stanley	Total
Mick Dundee (E O'Grady/kl)	9-2	24	7-4	2-1	5-
Majadou (M Pipe)	74	7-1	5-1	7-4	7-
Kadoo Nonantale (O Sherwood)	10-1	12-1	101	D 1	12-
Lard Of The River (O Sherwood)	12-1	12-1	12-1	10-1	12-
Gris D'Estruval (M Pipul	12-1	12-1	12-1	24	14
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Horse (Trainer)	Count	Wap Hill	وخدأن بيالبد	Stanley	Kata
Katarino (M Henderson)	6-1	6-1	6-1	7-1	5-1
Hors La Loi III (F Doumen/Fr)	B-T	B-1	8-1	9-1	74
Knille Edge (M O'Brien/hi)	6-1	10-1	10-1	18-7	10-1
Alarad (C Roche/h)	14-1	10-1	10-1	10-1	2.4
Behrajan (H Dalv)	22-1	12-1	141	2.1	16-1
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TRIUMPH HURDLE (2m 1f)

S	TAYERS'	HURDLE	(3 m 11)		
Horse (Saner)	Count	With Hill	Lachrolos	Startey	Total
Lady Rebecca (Miss V Williams	11-4	2-1	94	52	34
Deanos Beano (M Pipe)	3-1	7-2	7-2	7-2	7-2
La Coudray (A O'Enerylit)	5-1	8-1	5-1	6-1	5-1
Maradio (Mrs. M Playelay)	12-1	12-1	10-1	10-1	12-1
Juyush (J Old)	20-1	20-1	20-1	14-1	10-1
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Horse (Fairer)	Comi	With Hill	Ladinthae	Stanley	Thi
Florida Peeri (W Mulics/M)	94	5-2	52	24	11-
Tecton Will (Alics V Williams)	41	41	41	9-2	7-
Dorans Pride (M Houngan@t)	91	8-1	6-1	&1	
Cyfor Maita (M Pipe)	7-1	9-1	8-1	91	10-
Escurteligue (D Nicholson)	10-1	19-1	7-1	9-1	TO-

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1. In THE BLOOD — R. Mayde 7-4 fav.
2. Jason's Boy — R. Johnson 10-1
3. Mr Jervis — P. Hide 4-1
Also rant 4-1 Kybok Revenge, 14-1 Checks
(Sth), Masy (8th), 20-1 Not My Line (4th), 25-4
Miltone Whole Wonder, 50-1 Brown Sauce.

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1.50: (2m of titlyds novice hurde)

1.MASTER PILGRAM A Williamson 4-11 fav

2. Jector — A P McCoy 18-1

3. Johnston's Ari — B Powell 8-1

Alea ran: 10-1 Kerry's Oats (8th), 14-1

Audectat (4th), 25-1 Roemus, 50-1 Richards

Lagran (5th), 15-1 Lagran (14), 15-1

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the winner.
3.20: (3m 2f 1fbyde novice chase)
1. JOCKS CROSS N Williamson 5-4 fav
2. Carrison Friendry_M A Fizzgerald 7-1
Only two finished.
Also rane 4-1 Minela Derby, 5-1 Strong
Vision, 6-1 Frenchy Matta, 40-1 Cool

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Martyn thankful for Wilkinson

The last Elland Road signing by the England caretaker manager is well aware of his qualities. By Phil Shaw

GOALKEEPERS ARE reputedly a breed apart, and Nigel Martyn can certainly claim that distinction within the England squad for tomorrow's friendly against France. Alone among the players inherited by Howard Wilkinson, he worked with him at club level - and indeed played a reluctant role in the events that ted to his being free 10 join the Football Association hierarchy.

Two and a half years ago, Martyn was in Leeds United's goal for the 4-0 home defeat by Manchester United that led to Wilkinson's tenure being terminated the following Monday morning. It was an afternoon that began and finished badly for the Cornishman, now 32, who remembers what happened in between with no great fondness either.

He scored an own goal inside three minutes, while in what proved to be the final act of Wilkinson's eight-year reign, he was helpless as Eric Cantona sealed the fate of the man who had taken them both to Elland Road "Losing to our higgest enemies was probably the last straw," a mud-spattered Martyn reflected after training at Bisham Abbey yesterday.

Now, with that peculiar combination of symmetry and irony which football accepts as commonplace, Cantona's compatriots provide the opposition for Wilkinson's first senior match since he left the Premiership and became technical director at Lancaster Gate. Martyn detected little change in his demeanour, noting that he was still "dry and witty", although he has witoessed a less urbane side to his character.

Weeks hefore Wilkinson's sacking, Martyn made his Leeds debut at Derby. The most expensive British keeper, a £2.25m signing from Crystal



Howard Wilkinson points the way to (from left) Kieron Dyer, David Beckham, Rio Ferdinand, Andy Hinchcliffe and Alan Shearer at Bisham yesterday David Ashdown

3-1 with less than a sixth of the match remaining. But it finished 3-3, and the manager was not best pleased.

"I can remember him shouting and banging the table in the dressing-room," said Martyn. "He's not a cup-thrower, but he did have a go at people because we made mistakes late on."

Martyn played only five times for Wilkinson, yet he formed a favourable impression of the man-management qualities he might hring to the England job. "I had a choice between Leeds and Everton when I left Palace. Leeds made me feel much more welcome, which was down to Howard

ning start when his new club led and the chairman at the time and kept two clean sheets Wednesday night for himself, straight away." Martyn said. "I but be is looking forward for us."

In terms of tactics, too. Martyn saw positive attributes.
"From my experience he'll get us very well organised. The team will have to work the ball wide, get lots of shots in and generally put the opposition on the defensive."

Martyn had not played internationally for three years before Wilkinson gave him the platform to impress Glenn Hoddle. He has since won a further six caps and, though David Seaman is likely to face France, he is probably closer to being England's No 1 than ever before.

"David has come back [into Arsenal sidel from injury

know Howard signed me, but I think track records are important for managers to fall back

on when they start a joh. All I

can do is play well and wait."

England's track record in the European Championship campaign might best be described as patchy. While Wilkinson may or may not be in charge for the remaining qualifying matches. Hoddle after last year's World Martyn made it clear the coach viewed tomorrow's game as more than a spectacle to set be-

fore a full house at Wembley. "He has told us that a good result would get us in the right frame of mind for Poland next matic upheaval at Highbury, month. He hasn't looked beyond

Tony Adams is also closely

acquainted with Wilkinson's style - but as an opponent in many attritional struggles between Arsenal and Leeds. "His teams were always very determined, strong, organised and physical," he said. "And he had good players."

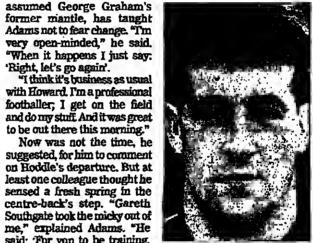
Adams was openly critical of Cup. However, he took no satisfaction in his demise, saying: "There's a sadness when someone loses a job, whatever you feel about the individual."

The experience of a dra-

former mantle, has taught Adams not to fear change. "I'm very open-minded," he said. "When it happens I just say: 'Right, let's go again'. "I think it's business as usual

with Howard. I'm a professional footballer; I get on the field and do my stuff. And it was great to be out there this morning." Now was not the time, he

suggested, for him to comment on Hoddle's departure. But at least one colleague thought he sensed a fresh spring in the centre-back's step. "Gareth Southgate took the micky out of me," explained Adams. "He said: For you to be training,



Advocaat facing disciplinary action

manager, will learn next month whether he faces the prospect of overseeing potential Scottish title glory from the stands.

The Ibrox outfit's third consecutive league away win was carned at Dunfermline by an Andrei Kanchelskis volley and two goals from Jonatan

But Advocaat's night was spoiled with 15 minutes remaining when he disputed a controversial penalty award. venting fury at the referee. Wilte Young, for adjudging

the Dunfermline substitute Colin Nish. Andy Smith, the Dun-

fermline captain, put the penalty wide hut Advocaat's broadside at the official continued and after a heated discussion Young pointed him out of the dug-out.

The Scottish Football Association's disciplinary committee next meet on 15 March, An SFA spokesperson said yesterday: "We expect to receive the ref-

Kanchelskis to have pushed a copy will be sent to all relevant parties.

> ciplined he will be asked for his comments and then whether he wants to appear in person in front of the disciplinary committee to state his case." The only encouraging as-

pect for Advocaat is that the championship race could be virtually over hy the middle of next month with Rangers so dominant Rangers, who have played a fermline - describing the

"If Dick Advocaat is to be dis-

then the usual procedure is that are 12 points ahead of Kilmarnock and 13 clear of the reigning champions, Celtic, with only one further Old Firm meeting remaining between

> Celtic's problem is that teams who took points off them with relative ease earlier this term are showing few signs of doing the same to Rangers in the campaign's latter stages. Advocaat was still less than

the Glasgow clubs.

satisfied with the overall quality of Rangers' showing at Dun-

-but paid tribute to Kanchelskis. He said: "They refused to give us a chance to play football in the first half, but the quality of Rangers is such that we can score at the right time, and all three were excellent goals."

Rangers captain, is in confident unit and he considers they have yet to reach their peak.

He said: "As the season progresses we are hecoming stronger in many aspects of our ty. His mood was cheered by

for granted at the moment - the manager would not allow us to. "He made it clear to us how

important this trio of away games were, and we have won the lot with the kind of consistency which shows we don't in-Lorenzo Amoruso, the tend to falter at this stage."

· Dick Campbell, the Dunand reckons the same approach from his men can steer them to Premier League safe-

year contract.

Campbell said: "There has been interest in him, but that is no surprise because he's a quality player, the test of that being how few matches he has

missed in his time here. "If be completes this next mood because he senses the fermline manager, gave "If be completes this next team are still improving as a Rangers a better match than four years that will be a decade the eventual scoreline suggests at the club, and I personally hope he will stay another four after that because he is a big player for us and a magnificent

by Bradford's Andrew O'Brien

but Taylor will not be calling up

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ANGRY ANDY GORAM yester-day emphasised that he will carry on playing for Scottish Premier League side Motherwell. The former Scotland and Rangers goalkeeper called a news conference in Glasgow after allegations over the weekend linked him to an Ulster terrorist group.
The Scotland international

day newspaper in a dated photograph made public by his wife, Tracy, who is currently divorcing the player. Goram, who denies being a UVF sympathiser, retired from international football three weeks before the World Cup last summer because of attention on his private life but has since

was pictured holding a Ulster

Volunteer Force flag in a Sun-

intimated he will reconsider that verdict. There had been widespread speculation that Goram would quit the game only a month after joining the Fir Park club, hut instead he denied the allegations and said he was taking legal action with support from

Goram also added that he was a 100 per cent supporter of the peace movement. "I categorically deny that I have any links with sectarian groups or terrorists," he said. "I do not condone violence and I wholeheartedly support the current peace process in Northern Ire-

"I deny all the implications in these recent articles and am taking legal action against the newcpapers concerned and the individuals who supplied this incorrect information. Because of the current legal situation I-am unable to say any more.

Motherwell are giving Goram their full backing, saying he remains a player at the club. A statement, ratified by the owner and chairman, John Boyle, read: "Two newspapers have made serious allegations against Andy Goram. He has heen accused of having links with terrorist organisations. Motherwell is a family club and takes these allegations se-

"As individuals, and as a club, we take no part in sec-Andy Goram at length. He has assured us that he has been seriously maligned and misrepresented and that he is taking legal action against the newspapers and individuals concerned. He remains a player at Motherwell."

Goram is no stranger to controversy and walked out of Scotland's training camp in America last May after allegations about his private life.

He left Rangers in the summer and had loan spells with Notts County and Sheffield United before training with FC Copenhagen. However, a possible move to Denmark broke down and he returned to Scotland last month after the Premier League's winter break Gary Holt, the Kilmarnock

midfielder, has withdrawn from the Northern Ireland squad for tonight's B international against Wales at Wrexham after it was discovered he is not eligible.

The player had claimed his father was from County Down, hut the Irish Football Association checked and found out that be was referring to his stepfather, and that his real parents are Scottish.

England after being forced to release Jonathon Woodgate and Alan Smith. The Leeds duo The episode is embarrassing for the Irish Football Associa-18 squad to face France at tion, and David Curry, the sec-Wycombe's Adams Park tonight retary of the international committee, said: "Gary's paring Saturday's 1-0 defeat at ents are Scottish, so he comes under the Scottish FA's juris-

Holt is not the only absentee from the squad - Damien Johnson, the Blackburn Rovers winger, has pulled out with a

No charity from Americans

GERMANY

THREE PLAYERS who earn their living in Germany had this northern Florida city on Saturday evening. Unfortunately for Erich Ribbeck, cone of them were in his team. Ribbeck, who succeeded

Berti Vogts as Germany's ceach earlier this season, had the took of a haunted man after his experimental team had been thrashed 3-0 by a young American side in the first of two friendlies on this trip. The Germans play Colombia in Miami today. Glenn Hoddle might have en-

terrogation. Ribbeck was asked to explain how his team had less than half an hour to a country they had beaten easi-Iv at last year's World Cup finals. "Nervousness spread went behind," Ribbeck admitted. "Rather than helping each

sourm in front of a media in-

came contagious. There was no leadership out there." That appeared to be a direct criticism of the German captain, Lothar Matthaus, and also of the anonymous An-



WORLD BY RUPERT METCALF

but Ribbek added: "It is not only Matthaus and Moller who are under pressure."

IN JACKSONVILLE

There were mitigating cirloved watching a German cumstances for Ribbeck - his players were rusty because of the Bundesliga winter break and top men like Oliver Bierfound themselves 3-0 down in hoff have not been released by their clubs - but it was still a disastrous result for him.

There was talk yesterday back home that Germany's through the team after we bid to host the 2006 World Cup might have been placed at risk by a Fifa edict. The world govother, the nervousness beerning body has ordered that World Cup grounds have a minimum capacity of 40,000. Germany had been working on the basis of 30,000, the capaci-

ty required in last year's finals. "Our bid is not in any way endreas Moller, Perhaps it was. dangered by the change. It is a Mellor, who played for Fulham ready out of the Italian Cup.

question of which stadiums to against West Ham in the 1975 choose out of the many that we FA Cup final. have." Horst Schmidt, secretary neral of the German Football association, said, however For the United States coach,

Bruce Arena, Saturday's victory was his first since succeeding Steve Sampson, after 0-0 draws against Bolivia and Australia. He has recalled the goalkeeper Tony Meola, a veteran of the 1990 and '94 World Cups, but he has also brought in some impressive young players. As well as Tony Sanneh, the midfielders Eddie Lewis and Chris Armas and the defenders Robin Fraser and CJ Brown show much promise.

An interested spectator here was Lawrie McMenemy, the Northern Ireland manager, whose side entertain the European champions in a Euro 2000 qualifier next month.

"The Germans will be concerned by this result," he said. "because the expectations back home are so high." He feels that Ribbeck will make changes before the Belfast game.

In the senior game, Cobi Jones, the former Coventry City forward, won his 113th cap for the States. At 28, he has enough years left to surpass the world record of 143 caps held hy the Swedish goatkeeper, Thomas Ravelli.

"It would be a great honour, if it happens," Jones said, "but I'm not going to put too much weight behind it, because we played so many games hetween '92 and '94." Remembering his spell with

Coventry, Jones said: "I wish I had had the opportunity to play up front and not out wide. If I have the chance to play in England again, I hope I will be able to tell the coach where I usually play!"

ITALY

Juventus have invited Carlo Ancelotti to take over as coach immediately, following the departure of Marcello Lippi in the wake of the 4-2 home defeat by After the senior game, the Parma on Sunday, Ancelotti, US Under-23 team lost 1-0 to who had been due to take over the German Under-21s. The at the end of this season, said coach of the US youngsters is he would accept. The 39-year-Clive Charles, the former West old former Roma and Milan Ham defender, while their midfielder inherits a Juventus goalkeeping coach is Peter side ninth in Serie A and al-

Record crowd expected

The last international to be

staged at Derby was an Under-

23 match against Scotland at

the Baseball Ground in 1972

when the England side

included Kevin Keegan, Alan

Hudson, Mike Channon and

THE ATTENDANCE record for an England Under-21 international will be broken when Peter Taylor's side take on France at Derby's Pride Park tonight.
More than 30,000 tickets

have been bought in advance and the game seems almost certain to be a 33,000 sell-outeven though there is not a single Rams player in the squad to boost local interest.

The turn-out will surpass the previous best for an Under-21 game in November 1994 when 25.863 saw England defeat the Republic of Ireland at St James' Park

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Malcolm MacDonald Taylor has suffered two further withdrawals from his squad with the Cheisea midfielder Jody Morris, who suffered a dead leg against Southampton on Saturday and Everton striker Danny Cadamarteri (illness) ruled out. They join the Manchester

United defender Wes Brown, who pulled out on Sunday with a sore shin. Brown was replaced

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POUR DRAWS: Everton v Coventry. Leeds v Tottenham; Sheff Wed v Chelsea; Huddersfield v Derby. Poals forecast selections by Ian Davies

McClaren suited as assistant sorcerer

THERE ARE ways of getting no-ticed and Steve McClaren came to Alex Ferguson's attention by irritating him. The Manchester United manager was trying to watch his players, but the Derby County coach kept jumping in his way. "I couldn't see the bloody game," he grumbled afterwards.

Out of sight did not mean out of question, however, because that same irritant became Ferguson's assistant yesterday, signing a three and a half year contract to replace Brian Kidd. Now the 37-year-old can obscure the sorcerer's view every match if he can get away with it.

The move was as seamless as it was quick. Ferguson approached Derby after the clubs met last Wednesday and by Friday morning the deal was done but for the signatures on the contract. Mr Unknown of a week ago had become much sought after in a matter of

hours. "I was told at one o'clock in the morning after the game at Old Trafford," the York-born McClaren said, "and if it hadn't been so late I'd have got in the car there and then and



McClaren: Modern thinker

demanded to see Alex. I couldn't wait to get here."

Ferguson chose McClaren. whose playing career took him to Hull, Derby, Lincoln, Bristol City and Oxford, after studying the leading coaches in this country. "When Brian Kidd left I did the right thing nothing," he said, "because I wanted to make sure I got someone who is first class and I can trust. All the research and information

"He's a very good coach and a good modern thinker. He wants to try things, he's intelligent and the most important thing was that the players at Derby respected and liked him." McClaren, quietly spoken and

pointed to Steve.

FOOTBALL

BY GUY HODGSON

with only a hint of a Yorkshire accent, did not join United officially until yesterday but he did meet the players and staff on Friday night and was at the City Ground on Saturday for the 8-1 demoli-tion of Nottingham Forest.

"It can only go downhill after that," Martin Edwards, the chief executive who had emphasised the "who he?" air by introducing Old Trafford's latest signing as "Steve McClarridge", said. McClaren added: "I did say after the game, 'at least I'm in a job for another week."

Had he been surprised at the quality amid the massacre? "What can one say? There were three goals in the first seven minutes and I said to the staff is every game like this?" It was nice to be able to look at the players close up, because it's different when you're involved with them. Before I was concentrating on what our lads were doing.

They're the best players in the country, possibly the world. and what impressed me was the belief, the mental attitude to go out and perform as they did. It shows tremendous character At Derby we were always quoting Alex and Manchester United. 'See how Cole and Yorke do this, how Keane does that', so it was nice to be working with the . role models."

Ferguson's template for working practice will be the same as he used with Kidd, allowing McClaren a free hand on the training ground while encouraging him to travel abroad to expand his knowledge. The assistant, meanwhile, will innovate. At Derby he introduced computers to analyse videos and self-massaging beds to prevent muscle injury and shorten recovery periods.

"The biggest thing he brought Jim Smith, his boss for four years, said. "He looks at every available source to improve things, he listens to what people have to offer and acts on those he feels are worthwhile. He's improved our training and organised new fitness tests."

McClaren arrives with United due to face Internazionale in the quarter-finals of the European Cup and a possible domestic Double in prospect.

I'm sat here now," he said.

Stormy weather leaves golfers beached in California



A groundsman mops up on the 18th green at the Pebble Beach golf links in California during the AT&T National Pro-Am. His efforts proved in vain, however, as the final round was called off because of the storms. Payne Stewart took the prize for leading after 54 holes

Rusedski's one step back to win

GREG RUSEDSKI won only his second match of the year last night, defeating the Dutch By JOHN ROBERTS No 2, Sieng Schalken, 6-4, 6-3, in the opening round of the \$1m (£600,000) Dubai Duty Free

Having arrived here last Wednesday intent on ridding himself of the early-season tautness that cost him dearly at the Australian Open, where he lost in the second round to Paul Goldstein, an American qualifier, Rusedski, the No 4 seed, slowly began to build his confidence. He achieved this in spite of several tentative games in which either his first serve deserted him or his returns

Schalken, ranked No 45 in the world and second to Richard Krajicek in the Netherlands, won an ATP Tour event in Auckland last month and was primed to test the British No 2. Although Rusedski broke for

were uncertain.

in Dubai

3-2 in the first set, his erratic serving beckmed Schalken into the contest, a double-fault deciding the third game. Rusedski was foot-faulted on his

first serve, and that happened on three other occasions. "Sometimes they call foot-faults and sometimes they don't," Rusedski said. "Once I took a step back everything was fine." Rusedski broke again for 4-3

and took the set on his third set point. He survived three doublefaults to save a break point in the fourth game of the second set and then broke for 3-2 after winning a lengthy rally.
"It was a difficult match, but

after the first set I was pretty much in control," Rusedski said, making light of the fact that he was wearing a support thing's perfect. Everything's strong. It [the back support] was just for comfort that's all."

Petr Korda has his sights on Battersea Park on Monday week and does not rule out a return to Wimbledon - where he failed a drugs test last summer-but the Czech left-hander himted yesterday that his career may not last much longer, whether or not the International Tennis Federation succeeds in reviving the possibility of a one-year ban.

The [legal] thing is completely in the hands of my lawyers," the 31-year-old Korda reiterated after defeating Alberto Martin, from Spain, 6-3, 6-4, in the first round here. "I'm focusing on my game every time I wake up in the morning. You can't take on

Korda doubts that he will play at the United States banned steroid nandrolone

older daughter, Jessica, is due to start school in Prague, and emphasised that he intends to put his family before his tennis.

"I always was a person who liked a challenge and liked to compete," Korda said. "I am not going to change my attitude [where that is concerned]. Obviously (what has happened) has changed me, I am not saying I am better, or that I am a bad boy, but I will always get try strength from my family. They will be my priority. I might change my schedule for my family's needs, maybe after Key Biscayne [in Marth].

maybe later." Korda would first like to raise the level of his game and his world ranking. This time last year he was the Australian Open champion and world No 2. Since testing positive for the

after losing to Tim Henman in the Wimbledon quarter-finals, his form has slumped. Docked his Wimbledon points, he subsequently failed to match last ear's victories in Qatar and at the Australian Open, and his ranking is down to No 76.

"That's the reality," Korda said. "It's up to me. I have the termis in my hands. I have a chance to improve my ranking. I don't have a lot of points to defend until after the French Open fin May). I'm starting to play better and better. What I need right now is to play as many matches as I can to raise my level"

He was not impressed by the Czech Tennis Federation's announcement last week that it had benned him for a year. "If they want to ban you, they should invite you to some sort of hearing," Korda said. "I found out what had been decided by e-mail."

Reber on alert to face Leeds

RUGBY LEAGUE

By DAVE HADFIELD

MARK REBER could step straight off the plane from Australia this morning and into Wigan's scrum-half shirt for their Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie at Leeds on Sunday. Wigan have finally conceded that Tony Smith will play no part in the game, because of a hairline fracture of his ankle.

The Great Britain scrumhalf suffered the injury in the friendly at Halifax last Wednesday and could be out for up to six weeks. "Reber was already on the bench and will now play a bigger part in the game," said the Wigan coach, John Monie.

"We want to see how he is when he gets off the plane. because Jason Robinson could be our better option."

Robinson started out as a scrum-half and has switched there occasionally during matches in recent seasons. If Monie opts for that tactic. Wes Davies, a highly promising outside-back who happens to be Billy Boston's grandson, will

ome in on the wing. Reber has the advantage have having played regularly alongside Wigan's new stand-off, Greg Florimo, at North Sydney, so it is likely that he and Robinson will split the job between them.

Wigan have had more bad news, learning that their Great Britain Academy forward. Andrew Isherwood, who made his first-team debut last season. will be out for two months with a broken shin.

The former Wigan captain, Shaun Edwards, has been named as the new captain of the London Broncos, in preference to Peter Gill, who took over from Terry Matterson last season and was expected to retain the

The former Wigan hooker, Martin Hall, who also played for both Halifax and Castleford during a nomadic 1998, has signed for Hull and is likely to play against Cas in their Challenge Cup tie on Sunday.

Workington Town have given up on their Australian scrumhalf. Josh White, after be failed to arrive to start the season. His contract has been cancelled.

Williams backed by union

YORICK WILLIAMS drew support from fellow players yesterday, as the Baskethall League and English Basketball Association announced their commission of inquiry into the abandoned game between his

Jets on 31 January. "It's one of the reasons why mission, but the Basketball Given Old Trafford's track record, the chances are he has

BASKETBALL

BY RICHARD TAYLOR said: "We demand that Yorick

is reinstated by Derby. "Until the League and the club, Derby Storm, and Chester ·Association set down the punishments for all of the players and coaches involved in the The England international has been suspended by Derby incident at Chester, Yorick pending the result of the com-

should be cleared to play on. "Unlike the others involved, Players' Association chief Yorick is being punished ahead of the decision." executive, Mark Robinson,

The incident began with a fight between Williams and Chester's Shawn Hartley, then re-started in a mélée involving all the players. The Jets physio,

dislocated faw. At the weekend, the England coach, Laszlo Nemeth, also pleaded for Williams not to be pre-judged, saying: "Everyone

is entitled to a fair hearing." The commission will meet on Sunday and hope to announce | 12 consecutive defeats - the a decision the following day.

TONY DRAGO described his first-ever Benson and Hedges Masters victory yesterday as the finest result of his career. The 33-year-old Maltese play-Alison Troughton, suffered a er finally came good at the expense of the six-times Wembley

tournament. And while Drago was ecstatic by his 6-4 success - his third win in a row over Hendry after

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RUGBY LEAGUE Bradford have moved their tie against Workington on Sunday for-ward to noon, so that supporters can plunged into the depths of despair. Hendry said he was "getting used to it" after his latest Drago defeat but would not elaborate on losing an opening match at Wembley for the first

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BASKETBALL

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BOXING Michael Brodie will make the first defence of his European superbantamweight title in his home city of Manchester on 13 March. Brodie meets the Frenchman Salim Med-koune at Bowler's nightclub in the main fight. Crawford Ashley from Leeds defends his three light-heavy-weight ddes against Clinton Woods of Sheffield, and the Belfast flyweight Damaen Kelly defends his Commonwealth crown – and fights for the vacant British belt – against Anthony Hanna of Birmingham.

TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of coaches Brazilian football side Atletico Mineiro have had in 1999, despite not having played a competitive match so far this year.

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UNDER-16 FRIENDLY

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THIRD DIVISION
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NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE
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ENTS SCOTTISH CUP THIRD ROUND REPLAY

Dundee Utd v Queen's Park (7.45) SCOTTISH LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

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CYCLING

The Fesdna and TVM teams, who were involved in last year's Tour de France doping scandal, are eligible for this year's race, according to the race organisers. A preliminary list of 16 teams has been issued. This year's Tour starts from Le Puy-du-Fou in Ventée on 3 July.

Vendee on 3 July.

TOUR DE FRANCE TEAMS: France:
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Raly: Mercatone Uno, Mapel, Polit. Saeco.
Spain: Once, Banesto, Kelme, Vicalicion Seguros. Netherlands: Rabobark.
TVM, Germany: Deutsche Telekom. Belginns: Lotto.

FOOTBALL

South Africa will play Jamaica in a friendly in Kingston on 8 May. It will be the first visit to the Caribbean by the 1996 African champions. Hristo Stoichkov, the 33-year-old striker, will join Bulgaria's 19-man squad on Thursday ahead of a four-team tournament in Hong Kong lat-er this month. Stoichkov now plays for the Japanese side Kashiwa Revent and is one of only the for-Reysol, and is one of only two for-eign-based players Butgaria's coach Dimitar Dimitrov could call up. Sporting Lisbon's Ivallo Yordanov is also joining the squad but other were not released by their clubs, The oth-

SPORTING DIGEST er teams involved in the tournament are a Hong Kong XI, Mexico and

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Woods with a top-five finish, but bad

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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DR MARTEMS LEAGUE Widland Di-vision: Surron Coldfield Town v Paget Rangers. League Cap Second round: Bedworth Und v Tamworth: Racing Cub Warwick v Sutton Coldfield Town; Shep-shed Dynamo v Baldock Town. Third round: Rothwell Town v Boston Und; Stourbridge v Solithuil: Burton Albion v. ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTHERN

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NATIONAL BUSH LEAGUE Coca-Cola League Cop Preliminary round: Omagh Town v Umavady Utd. First round: Carrick v Coleraine. THE TIMES FA YOUTH CUP Foorth round: Milwail v Bolton: Hardepool v Watford; Coventry v Notts County v Scuntround replay: Middlesbrough v Scuntrope. Fifth round: Arsenal v Crystal Palace. PONTINS LEAGUE Frentier Division: Aston Villa v Everton (7.0): Lelcester v Leeds (7.0).

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RUGBY UNION

OTHER SPORTS

SNOOKER: Benson & Hedges Masters (at Wembley).

Drago delight, Hendry hurt SNOOKER

winner Stephen Hendry after four previous failures in the

world No 2 was once again

achievement.

Drago, the London-based world No 10, said: "Considering where I was playing, who I was playing and how I played this has to be my best-ever result. I

Matthew Spence, who joined West-ern Suburbs from Parametta this year, has become the latest player in Australia to test positive for a banned substance. The drug in question is not a steroid, according to the Australian Leasure.

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finale was special in only 12 minutes he knocked in back-toback efforts of 121 and 116 while Hendry potted just one Alan McManus also reached

the last eight with a 6-2 win over the Grand Prix champion Stephen Lee.

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The cancellation of the final round of the Pebble Beath Pro-am may well have saved Tiger Woods' position at the top of the world rankings. David Duval, a winner twice already this year and with an earlier round of 59, could have overtaken Woode with a round have overtaken.

er round or 39, count nave over saken Woods with a cop-five finish, but bad weather ruinted his attempt and he remains in second place.

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International football: Manchester United striker in no mood for contrition before England's meeting with France

Cole ready to make fresh start

GLENN HODDLE may have for-given Andy Cole in the dying days of his England reign but the Manchester United striker was in no mood to return the gesture as he rejoined the international fold yesterday.

In November Cole had responded to Hoddle's repeated assertion that he wasted too many chances by choosing the front page of The Sun to label the former national coach "a coward" for not picking him.

Yesterday he professed neihe would react the same way again. Cole said: "I've oo getting personal,

"I'm not bitter towards opinion and everyone is entitled to their opinion, hut I would speak out again. People think it is wrong if a player does that but it is freedom of speech.

"I doo't say a lot and when I do it is because something hurts me, I don't usually follow the papers but I was going to my nephew's birthday party and the missus (his girlfriend, Shirley] said, 'Can you get a newspaper.' I turned to the back page and there it was.

"Wheo things like that happen the people you take it out on are your family and I had a barney with the missus for a couple of days. When I decided to [do the article] she said 'go ahead and do it'.

"Alex Ferguson did not know about it and he did oot say anything afterwards. He looks upoo me as a 27-year-old man with a family [he has a threeyear-old son. Devante) who can look after himself. Everyme. People know I don't speak huild-up of the team." a lot; my football does the talk-

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Football Correspondent

ing for me. I've been described as being moody, sullen and dull hut 1 am just a quiet chap."

Cole, 27, later said he was not too good with "the PR stuff" hut, wbether calculated or not, vesterday's interview was an impressive piece of rebranding. He was loguacious vet thoughtful, prepared to indulge in both banter and mild soul-searching.

The striker admitted he was ther joy nor sadness at Hoddle's sudden departure but he did surprised to be recalled but said Ferguson and his United teamsay that, in a similar position, mates had told him not to give up hope. As for Hoddle's criticism, he said: "I do get a lot of regrets, I stick by what I said. chances and I'm not going to getting 40 goals a season and that can't be done. I score my Glenn Hoddle. That was his fair share and I miss my fair

> "If I get two chances at international level and put one away I'll be delighted. But 1 might get more chances. I'm the kind of player who makes chances for himself."

> Cole does not expect to start against France tomorrow night but it would be a surprise if he was not involved in some way. Howard Wilkinson, the caretaker coach who saw Cole score twice at Nottingham Forest on Saturday, intimated that, given the recent exchanges between Cole and Hoddle, it would be helpful if he were.

Wilkinson added: "He and Dwight Yorke have developed a terrific relationship, their movement, their understanding of each other, link-up play, touch and perception are excellent. Andy combines better with other people now. There was a time when he was seen as just a finisher. Now he gets involved one was surprised because it in making things for himself was a hit of an outburst from and others and helping the

Cole has made two previous

THE TUESDAY CROSSWORD

appearances for England, both as a late substitute. He had 19 minutes against Uruguay at Wembley under Terry Venables in March 1995, and 14 minutes against Italy in Le Tournoi under Hoddle in June 1997. He hit the bar when he should have scored against Uruguay, pulled out of the next squad through injury and was never summoned by Venables again. Hoddle was prepared to give him a second chance, against Chile a year ago this Thursday. but he withdrew again, with a thigh injury, on the morning of the game. He figured in the next two squads without playing and was dropped in May.

Since his last international I was disappointed, I felt it was take them all, If I did I would be be has scored 43 goals for Manchester United at roughly two every three games. "A lot of it is to do with the team playing so well," Cole said. "T've struck up a very good understanding with Dwight. I spoke to him when he was thinking of coming to United and I was the first person to tell him to come.

"I never thought be would be a threat to me, Every season I am supposed to be leaving and I am still there. I scored 26 goals last season and I was still supposed to he leaving.

"We get on really well, on and off the pitch. We haven't worked oo it a lot. When he first came I wasn't in the team. But in training the boys say we never pass to anyone else."

Cole's ambition for the match is to enjoy himself. Longterm it is to keep on learning. He, too, feels he is a much better player than in his Newcastle days and is glad his all-round game is now being recognised.

"I have nothing to prove to anybody but myself," he concluded. "You always have to prove some things to yourself and I want to prove I can do it at international level."

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All the trappings: Andy Cole prepares for his return to the England fold at Bisham yesterday David Ashdown

Injuries prompt Dixon call

IF NICOLAS ANELKA runs out BY GLENN MOORE for France at Wembley tomorrow be will see a lot of familiar figures. He was already faced with the prospect of having to get past Arsenal team-mates Tony Adams and Martin Keown to get in a shot at David Sea-

man, and now be may have to

deal with Lee Dixon as well. The Arsenal right-back was last night summoned to Eng-iand's Berkshire headquarters as cover for Gary Neville, who has an ankle injury. With Em-manuel Petit and Patrick Vieira also likely to play, the friendly international could resemble a high-powered Arsenal training

Though Dixon, who made the last of his 21 international

Marino in late 1993, is 35 next month his call-up is logical. He is well acquainted with Adams and Keown, and the only feasible right-back alternatives were Warren Barton, who speeds much of his time in midfield these days, Phil Neville, who is short of matches, or the uncapped Steve Watson.

Keown is another possibility, but with Sol Campbell suffering from a stomach complaint and Gareth Southgate carrying a hip injury, be may be needed in the centre.

The Dixon call-up indicates a return to a flat back four. Injuries permitting, Howard Wilkinson, the caretaker coach,

hopes to name his team today. He is also waiting on Darren Anderton (groin), Graeme Le Saux (foot), Dion Dublin (groin) and Jason Wilcox (foot) while Paul Merson has gone home

suffering from a back injury. Paul Ince, who the FA originally said would not be considered for selection, now appears to be back in the frame. wever, since be is suspended by Uefa for next month's Euro 2000 qualifying tie against Poland, the benefits of playing him are limited.

The obvious advantage is that he may belp England win. Wilkinson said: "I think one of the things Glenn [Hoddle] would have wanted out of this game is for the players to go into the Poland game knowing

they can win at Wembley because they had just done it against the world champions." In five matches at Wembley last year England beat Portu-

gal and the Czech Republic

but drew with Saudi Arabia

and Bulgaria and lost to Chile. "One of my biggest problems," says Wilkinson, "is that I have not got my finger on the players' pulse use may had. It is like coming into any club - knowing how individuals tick, bow they get on with each other, is important in team-

Roger Lemerre, the French coach, yesterday called up Silvain Wiltord, the Bordeaux pulled muscle in his left leg.

Barnes enters **Valley** for free

BY ALAN NIXON

CHARLTON YESTERDAY COMpleted the free signing of John Barnes from Newcastle, in a deal that will keep him in London until the end of the season. The 35-year-old former England midfielder out of favour on Tyneside since the arrival of Ruud Gullit, impressed Alan Curbishley during a trial last week and could go straight into first-team action against his former club Liverpool at The Valley on Saturday.

Liverpool, meanwhile, are sending their former prodigy and England Under-21 prospect Danny Murphy back to Crewe Alexandra, the club which discovered him. As far as Liverpool are concerned, his Anfield career is over, and the club's manager Gérard Houllier has decided to sell.

Liverpool want £2.5m for Murphy, which is optimistic given his poor form. The Crewe move will at least give him the chance to display his talents before the transfer deadline and should also help the ailing side's fight against relegation. There is no chance of Murphy's move becoming permanent, because of his high wages, which Liverpool will contribute to while he is at Gresty Road.

Peter Johnson is ready to sell a chunk of his Everton shares to Bill Kenwright, but wants to keep a stake in the

The Jersey-hased husinessman, who owns 68 percent of the club, is close to agreement on the sale of over half his stake in Goodison to a consortium led by Kenwright, the caretaker chairman. Around 60 per cent of his shares could be traded off for about £25m this

Mark Goldberg, the owner of Crystal Palace, will launch a plan to bring in badly needed funds today - by asking fans to buy a five-year season ticket. Goldberg plans to create a "fanbership" concept where fans pay for their seats for

Among a bost of financial problems, Goldberg is being threatened with legal action by former employees and agents who are owed money.

Tottenham have put a trio of surplus imports on the transfer list, with Moussa Saib, Paolo Tramezzani and Dominguez all being told they can leave White Hart Lane.

Blackburn have rejected a transfer request from their unsettled goalkeeper Tim Flowers. Flowers, 32, a member of Rovers' title-winning side in 1995, demanded a move after losing his place to Australian John Filan. It was also announced yesterday that the Rovers striker Nathan Blake could be out of the game for several weeks, because of a disc problem in his neck

Sheffield Wednesday have failed in their appeal to have a three-match ban for goalkeeper Pavel Smicek reduced striker, to replace his chib-mate to one game following his re-Lilian Lasiandes, who has a cent sending-off against Derby

appearances in Graham Tay-McLaren suffer

tow-truck trauma

FIRST CAME the hype, then the hiccup as McLareo-Mercedes suffered the ultimate embarrassment yesterday as the team unveiled their new car for the Formula One season.

David Coulthard, with bundreds of photographers and reporters watching took the allnew McLaren MP4-14 out for its track debut at the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona, but had to be towed back to the pits by a Nissan pick-up truck after

coming to a stop on the first lap.
We just had a electrical failure, a slight glitch, as you have with all new cars," Anna Guerrier, the spokeswoman for the world champions, said. "This 13.

MOTOR RACING

was its first time on the track so you are always going to get teething problems," Norbert Haug, the head of Mercedes Motorsport, added.

Coulthard, after a delay, was able to eventually drive some test laps. He will also test the car today with the world champion, Mika Hakkinen, testing tomorrow and Thursday. The opening race in the world championship is the Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne on 7 March.

The new car is very similar looking to its predecessor, the



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Comebacks are the curse of the age. So why do we fall for them? Or must we accept that, when it comes to Blondie, we're always

Touched byyour presence, dear

BY JOHN WALSH



he had eyes like the Snow Queen, eyes that could look right into your heart and turn it to solid ice. There was no comfort in her gaze, no warmth, no interest. She sang with a kind of nervy blankness, as if the lyrics meant nothing to her and, when she narrowed her eyes, you felt as if she must hate you. She was the most beautiful woman we had ever seen. We adored her. Her name was Debbie Harry, and she sang with Blondie; the most successful New Wave band in the restless period that immediately followed punk.

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We were just out of university; we'd been through punk - the pins, the rage, the gobbing, the spiky hair and the radical typography—and, in 1978, we just wanted some intelligent rock'n' oll again. Blondie came sassing into the charts and dished it up: "Denis", "Heart of Glass", "Tin Always Touched by Your) Presence Dear". "Sunday Girl". They were real songs, with real hooks, classy keyboard runs, torrential drumming. We danced to "Dreaming". We sang along to "One Way or Another" ("I'm gonna getcha, getcha, getcha...") like karaoke nerds. And whenever there was half a chance, we just gazed at Debbie Harry.

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She looks out from the sleeve of the band's third album. Eat to the Beat, with the glazed hauteur of a supermodel, her eyes toxic with disdain, her lips set in a soaring pout, her eyebrows arched in the most minimal enquiry, her platimm hair swept in a couture wave down to her neck - around which is proprietorially twined the hairy arm of Chris Stein, her Svengali, co-writer, guitarist and boyfriend.

He was a sultry, Brooklyn-Jewish, brooding sort of chap, and we hated him because she seemed to belong to him. Debbie Harry, the icon of transatlantic independence, belonging to anyone. How did that work?

The band were full of contradictions, and they mostly resided in the gutter Aphrodite who fronted them. She was both baby-doll young and too old for punk; it was rumoured that she was over 30, aithough she dressed in plain white shifts and white boots; she reminded you of every blonde goddess you'd ever seen, from Monroe and Jean Harlow right up to Nico, but hers was a different blondeness, at once trashy and

pristine. We knew she'd been a Playboy hunny, a waitress, a quondam junkie ("That's why her skin's so perfect," we explained, knowingly), but she was now a self-created goddess.

Things went wrong. When Blondie split up in 1982, her solo career wobbled uncertainly for 10 years. Debbie Harry shifted into shock mode. The sleeve artwork of her solo album Koo Koo was by HR Giger, the intestinally obsessed production designer of Alien, and featured Ms Harry's cheeks punctured by long, rusty spikes. She appeared in John Waters' camp and rubbishy Hairspray movie, and in David Cronenberg's deeply unsettling Videodrome. The good times were over, for Ms Harry and her fans.

A couple of years ago, I saw Debbie Harry again. She was singing with the Jazz Passengers at the Jazz Café in London's Camden Town, and I went along to check it out.

Can I bring myself to say what she was wearing? Can I say the word? Ms Harry was wearing a jumper. A sensible, ordinary, pink wool jumper. Her head, which had always seemed a little disproportionately large for her slender frame, seemed to have broadened out, like a Hallowe'en pumpkin after a week in the window. Her hair was mousy-nondescript. Middle age had finally caught up with the goddess. She seemed nervous, diffident, a little reluctant to sing. And when she did sing, her voice was thinner than I recalled, etiolated, drained of energy, more pale than blonde. She did "One Way or Another" slowly, as a wistful plaint rather than a statement of gonna-getcha sexual intent. The whole evening felt like a sad experiment.

Now look what's happened. At the end of January, a song called "Maria" started winding around the airwaves, with a high chorus line sung as though by a nun in suspenders ("Mah-reeah/ Just gotta see her ... ") that sounded eerily familiar. The accompanying pop video was dark to the point of pointlessness, but through the murk you could make out the penetrating blue eyes, the trashy barnet, the sharp Giger cheekbones, all over again. "My God, who's she?" breathed my 11-year-old daughter. We both gazed at Ms Harry, now 53, radiating sexy hauteur, singing in front of the old line up, Stein, Clem Burke and Jimmy Destri, apparently reborn.

What's odd is how pleased you feel about this comeback. It's by no means a typical reaction. The Nineties have been so filled with comebacks,

retreads and recyclings that we sometimes seem to be in danger of entering a retro-universe, one that hits an evolutionary wall and then starts going backwards.

We may smile to see Lonnie Donegan putting out a new record, Muleskinner Blues, at the age of 70, or to find the Sixties grooner Englebert Humperdinck being dusted down, and the rebarbative Tony "Is This the Way to Amarillo?" Christie turning up on Top of the Pops. We may utter a sympathetic "Awww..." at the news that a job lot of effete Eighties poseurs (Culture Club, Human League and ABC) are sharing an evening of nostalgia, or when we find Duran Duran insisting that they're very much direct competition to Blur and Oasis these days. We may look in wonder at a playbill from Wembley Arena announcing a concert this May - "the All-American Solid Gold Rock and Roll Show" - starring Little Richard, Bobby Vee, Chris Montez, Little Eva and Brian Hyland.

Who's Brian Hyland? He sang "Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini" back in the days when Princess Margaret was going around on a motorbike.

But the fact is, there are some comebacks that are just not acceptable to the public and some that are. The Osmonds, no. The Bay City Rollers, no thanks. Hawkwind, nah. Bros, no way. But Roxy Music, ooh yes. The Clash, yes indeed. The Pogues, God yes. And Blondie are right there among the yeses. They were a group you never had to defend your interest in, or justify your liking for Mis Harry and her acolytes were geniuses at throwaway pop; that's what, paradoxically, made their songs so enduring. Ms Harry's look was a construct, that drew attention to her black roots, her pancake make-up, her machinetooled gleam of sex; that's why we took her to our hearts. We cared for her because she encouraged us not to. We loved her precisely because she turned out to have a heart of glass.

And we liked the band because their songs were incontrovertibly their own. Now, at the end of the Nineties, the hit parade is full of recycled songs, listless cover versions of hits from the Sixties and Seventies. Listen to 911's recent spotty warbling of Dr Hook's "A little Bit More", or Emmie's antiseptic disco version of Roxy's "More Than This", or Boyzone's overwrought something parent smites his brow, stalks the

living-room and tells his unimpressed children that they're listening to a series of pathetic simulacra, a plastic Echoland in which nothing is original except the singers' habit of wearing telephone-receptionist's headpieces while performing gymnastic dance routines that would

have seemed dated to Pan's People, circa 1968. We pick and choose authenticity in our lives. We choose these political beliefs, these clothes, this music, this shade of terracotta, this holiday destination, in the belief that, because they have a special reality for us, they are more intrinsically real than other beliefs, clothes, notes, colours, islands. We make them ours. We perform a series of passionate identifications with artefacts, selecting them from the cultural market garden, thinking they will combine in a harmonious, thousand-petalled display and that will be the picture of our soul. We may get it wrong all the time, but what we once chose was once part of our sense of who we were. That's what counts. And when a band such as Blondie comes back - driven by heaven knows what impulse of artistic or, more likely, financial need, but sounding true to themselves - you welcome them back, as you would regard with a wry smile

a younger, handsomer photograph of yourself. Why is this comeback so popular? Maybe the country is full of sentimental 35-to-45-year-olds who grew up with Ms Harry's trash-goddess vocals forming the sound-track of their lives, and now - with the house, the garden, the mortgage, the children and the asparagus kettle - like to feel they're still grooving; that their heroine, their ice queen, is at No 1 in the charts, though of course they're far too mature to care about "charts". Perhaps the whole comeback culture is a saying-goodbye to the century by re-treading the boards we trod in youth. Somehow, you can't imagine a Culture Chib Nostalgia Tour in the year 2001. It's that Big Nought, of course. The bands that used to make all the running have got just 10 months of final encores left before we hit Year Zero, and a whole new world of new acts, new music, new art forms, gets going.

I can't say. But I'll just go and put "Dreaming" on the record deck one more time. It's probably the best of the singles that conquered the world at the end of the Seventies, and it finds the goddess in reflective mode: "We don't stand manging of the Bee Gee's "Words", and the forty- on ceremony/ We just walk on by/ We just keep on dreaming". So do we, Deborah, so do we.



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My children attended a school where just such an episode took place. The two people involved were so self-absorbed that the education of pupils took second place to this grand liaison.

In the end the entire thousand pupils must have been aware of this affair. It became a source of gossip and sniggers. tt brought the entire teaching profession into disrepute.

Chris Woodhead has now retracted his earlier statement. Which one do we believe? Or is there a third way? He is clearly unfit to supervise those who teach. It is time he went NAOMI BALCAM

Sir: Chris Woodhead made very realistic and honest remarks about sex between pupils and teachers. He was, to anyone not a hypocrite or moral fundamentalist, quite right. Can we sensibly maintain that

sex between a young man of, say 17, and a female teacher of, say, 23, is necessarily a crime that should be punished with up to two years in jail and the end of the young woman's career? Men who think this is so, and

especially Blair and Blunkett, should try to recall their feelings about sex at 17, or even 16. All my pals when I was that age would have simply loved to have such an encounter - particularly for its educational value. TED BURFORD London W5

Sir. Recent events have made it clear that Chris Woodhead should on no account be put in charge of the England football team. MICHAEL SWAN Chilton, Oxfordshire

... and Hoddle's

Sir. Robert Davies argues that Glenn Hoddle's comments ought not to qualify for complete tolerance, if we follow John Locke who wrote persuasively of the need for religious toleration, but refused to extend this to the expression of opinions injurious to the commonwealth (letter, 5 February).

This may mistake what we should draw from Locke. He declined to extend tolerance to those who held views the substance of which, if acted upon, would be injurious to society; such as Roman Catholics, who, at that time, beld that the constitutional settlement

Mr Hoddle's views, though, relate to something purely in the realm of thought, or speculation. Nobody could act on them, even if be or she so wished. As someone with a disability, I do not feel threatened by them - as I would if someone said that the disabled are a drain on the nation's resources. with the implication that any belp to them should be curtailed. J M SMITH West Kirby. Merscyside

Sir: It is now a sackable offence to hold religious beliefs that somebody else finds ridiculous: specifically to betieve, under the influence of a faith healer, that we pay in this life for our own sins in a

Tony Blair's church believes, under the influence of a faith healer, that God assumed human form in order to pay for somebody else's sin ura past tife - Adam's, It was nice of God to punish himself for Adam's sin, because otherwise God would have compelled himself to punish us for Adam's sin obviously our just deserts given that we are Adam's remote descendants). Except that nowadays, of course, educated people like Tony Blair don't believe Adam existed in the first place.

The fact is, any religion sounds barking mad except to those brought up in it. Could there be a RICHARD DAWKINS

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Life in stardust

Sir: Now that the die is cast as to what the Stardust mission to Comet Wild2 might bring back in 2006 we consider it appropriate to recount the chronology of our own published ideas that relate to the subject of cometary origins of life ("Nasa takes off in search of stardust", 3 February). Although the ideas of life

existing outside the Earth and of panspermia have had a history stretching back over many centuries, the concept of comets carrying microbes began only with been published in a series of books and papers since the mid 1970s. Prior to 1974 there were, as far as we could find, no references to organic materials in comets, let alone to a connection between comets and life. In October 1974 the first arguments for organic polymers in comets were published by one of us in collaboration with Professor V Vanysek of Charles University in Prague, and thereafter we extended this to discuss the explicit connection between comets and microbial life.

Our defence of cometary habitats for microbial life, including assertions of liquid water domains. was based on well-attested science. - laboratory physics, microbiology and physical theory: It is ironic that a scientific community that adamantly resisted our arguments is now embarking on a historic mission that has as a prime objective a test of the theory of cometary life, a theory that was so deeply reviled in the 1970s. Professor Sir FRED HOYLE Professor CHANDRA WICKRAMASINGHE

Healthy cynicism

Sir: The "poisonous cynicism about governmental intentions" that John Carr (Right of Repty: 8 February) finds regrettable is the very basis of the American system. Checks and limits on governmental power was the overriding principle

in the writing of the Constitution. The purpose of US courts is not to decide what is in our best interest or what is good or bad, but what is consistent with the Constitution.

Decisions on Internet regulation are rightly libertarian in that regard. It is no coincidence that the Internet came out of this libertarian and unregulated system. I seriously doubt you would have the innovation and explosive growth of the Internet if it was under the control of, for example, the EU. TOM HOFFMAN Osprey, Florida, USA

Sir: Thank you for bringing to light Tony Benn's 1970 speech on the "Data Bank Society" (Classic Podium, 6 February). The NCCL conference took its title from that of my book, written with Malcolm Warner (1970). We warned of the inevitable intrusion into all our lives by electronic storage and distribution of personal data.

We pressed for adequate protective legislation; a few MPs listened: but Home Office civil servants cautiously drafted the Data Protection Act, which has been ineffective in the two major areas highlighted by Mr Benn. 1 have to live with the consequence of failing to get the law t wanted: more organisations know more

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about me than I can remember. and I don't know who they are. I wish it were not so! M G STONE Chichester, West Sussex

Pension time-bomb Sir: As your report (4 February) indicates, the Government's new "flexible pensions investment vehicle" does not appear likely to offer any significant new options. "Old Labour" state-run social security is seen as no longer affordable, but the Government is loath to replace it by anything they

The fallacies which will vitiate the plan are the assumptions that everyone will be continuously employed throughout life and will put something away for their old age. It seems almost certain that in 20 years' time, there will be a large number of people back where they would have been in the 19th century. Some of these could have avoided it, but many will have made rational decisions which turned out to be wrong. But fault or innocence is not the point. Not this government's problem, but a buge

problem there will be. It is on this basis that I appeal to you to give the Citizens Income a hearing, an unconditional payment

to everyone sufficient to cover basic

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in the UK, are considering ways

of modernising the coronation.

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needs, independent of work or other sources of wealth. This is being seriously investigated in other countries, notably Ireland, and to a lesser extent in the Netherlands.

A citizens income may well be seen as the only option when the foreseeable crisis develops, but is makes sense now, and it would be better to introduce it as a choice rather than in desperation. CLIVE LORD

Convener, Green Party Citizens Income Costings Group Balley, West Yorkshire

Right to drive

Sir: Duff Hart Davis's feature on recreational vehicular use of old roads (Weekend Review, 6 February) stops well short of telling the whole story, as does the dramatic picture accompanying it.

Throughout the centuries Britain's roads have been quagmires. Read contemporary reports of any long journey from the Middle Ages onwards. In Commons debates on the creation of turnpike trusts in the late 18th and early 19th centuries fears were expressed of deaths as carriages fell into rutted sections of roads, some of which are now dual carriageways; and others

remain just as they were then. As many miles of footpath are

polintion ("DNA tests reveal

5 February). This is logical. Nature designs genes to be

stable and to work in harmony

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wonder that man-made DNA is

on the move? How long will it

take for genetic pollution to

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appear to offend them. GEOFF WILSON Lazonby Cumbria Third World wages

Sir: Titus Alexander's claim (letter, 5 February) that "lack of demand in the world economy could be cured by paying people in the poorest countries more for their

work" is economic quackery. It's a basic Keynesian point that wages are pinned to the marginal product of labour As Paul Krugman has observed, "all of the supposed excess production in the world economy has as a necessary counterpart increased income every dollar of sales must also represent a dollar of wages or profits to somebody."

That increased income must be either saved or spent. So inadequate aggregate demand in the global economy would necessarily be reflected in a global excess of savings relative to investment opportunities. Yet savings rates in the developed economies have generally been falling, while in the developing world they have been rising less cuickly than investment demand

So far from stimulating development, Mr Alexander's inflationary recipe would be the surest route to cutting real wages and depressing living standards in the Third World. OLIVER KAMM London WC1

Why have children?

Sir: The reason society should support child-rearing is simple (letter, 3 February): because like no other lifestyle choice, society needs children in order to continue to function. But if everybody decided not to have children until they could afford them, only the very rich would ever reproduce.

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There is a growing body of opinion in the West which believes that only the rich have the right to reproduce, and anybody else daring to is feckless and selfish and should probably have their offspring confiscated and re-allocated to more deserving recipients (ie richer ones). The logical extension of this, of course, is that whole nations with low GDPs should just contracept themselves out of existence, as they obviously can't afford children.

Such repellent Malthusian ideas went out of fashion after the successes of the postwar liberation and civil rights movements, but are creeping back into respectability under the guise of pretending that child-rearing is an individual, rather than a social project. JEAN MOLLOY London SE13

Sir: In response to the article "Brain food for babies" (2 February), I feel that there is a lot of self-righteousness and snobbery attached to breast-feeding.

My first child was part breastpart bottle-fed for his first seven months, Like Anabel Hands' twoand-a-half-year-old breast-fed offspring, he could be described as having "stunning" speech.
With my second child I ignored

the social pressure to breast-feed and - blow me down - she, too, could be described as a "very alert baby". My second child has had a much healthier first year than ber brother despite being "deprived" of mother's milk."

I am sure that several factors affect children's cognitive development, early feeding just being one. Women should not be made to feel that they are in some way failing their children if they choose not to perform what for many is a difficult and arduous task, ANGELA WALSH Birmingham

Too many secrets

Sir: I am pleased to bear the Government is considering introducing a public interest defence into the Official Secrets Act ("Ministers in review of Secrets Act", 3 February).

In 1988, on behalf of the Labour, Roy Hattersley said: "It cannot be necessary or right to make every matter how loosely, subject to automatic restriction. It is intolerable that the Government alone should be able to define the individuals who are covered by the blanket ban, and the categories of work to be shrouded in secrecy".

The section which was being used against my client David Shayler does not require that the disclosure needs to cause specific kinds of harm. If an employee of one of the services discloses anything, no matter how trivial or inaccurate, they will be guilty of a criminal offence.

Free speech has to be weighted against national security, but a public interest defence would allow that balance to be struck by a jury. It would also ensure that the Act complied with Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights. The current Act forces us to trust the Government to get the balance right. History teaches us that such complete trust in government is misplaced. JOHN WADHAM Director, Liberty London SE1

Free love

Sir. Readers of an affectionate disposition, or those with harems, might be interested to know that our local Woolworths here in Uxbridge has been offering three Valentine cards for the price of two. CHRIS PAYNE Uxbridge, Middlesex

Everything you always wanted to know about rubber boots

YOUR INTEREST in the outskirts of English vecabulary is as lively as ever, and I get a constant stream of inquiries from readers about obscure words and meanings. As you know, I tend to store these up until I get a visit from our resident expert, Dr Wordsmith, who spends mest of his life in his local pub. doing language research. But I am delighted to say that he is with us again today; so, without further ado, over to the great man himself.

Dear Dr Wurdsmith, As I was going out for a walk today I was putting on my gum boots, or what we also call our wellington boots, and I was wondering idly if there was any particular difference between a gum

boot and a wellington boot." Dr Wordsmith writes: Is that your question?

particular difference between gum boots and wellington boots. It is quite interesting, however, that we have two different expressions for exactly the same item of apparel. which seems a case of overproduction.

Dr Wordsmith writes: Just a one-off, surely. There is no other example of a garment which has tico equal names.

Well, that's not quite true, is it? After all, there's scarves and mufflers. There's underpants and knickers. There's briefs and shorts. There's jerseys and jumpers.

Dr Wordsmith writes: All right. all right, wise guy! So, when I said that no other garment has two names, I should have said that EVERY other garment has two

No. it isn't, tam sure there is no nomes. Big deal. Now, what's your question? Well, I was thinking that it's

interesting that the name "gum boots" has survived as well as "wellington boots" has, even though "gum boots" has no linguistic by products.

Dr Wordsmith writes: How do нои теак?

I mean that there are no slang words or expressions associated with gum boots. We don't say "I'm going to put on my gummies" or anything like that. Whereas we do talk about a pair of wellies. We even say "give it a bit of welly", meaning to put your foot down, and we also use "wellied" as one of the many synonyms for drunk.

Dr Wordsmith writes: Do we? Yes, we do. We also talk about the "green welly brigade", as a short-



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hand reference to the kind of gentry who go to point-to-points, wear Huskies and talk in loud voices.

Dr Wordsmith writes: Do we? Oh, yes. Of course, the wellington boot derives its name from Arthur Wellesley, the 1st Duke of Wellington, who also gave his name to a well-known tree

Dr Wordsmith writes: Which one is that? The wellingtonia.

Dr Wordsmith writes: Right! I'm with you. I think, Of course, we mustn't make the

mistake of thinking that the Duke of Wellington went to battle in gum boots. For one thing, it would have looked a bit infra dig. For another thing, they hadn't invented rubber properly by then. The name wellington boots" had originally been given to leather boots which were cut lower at the back to allow the knee to bend freely. Not that people never bent their knees

before the Duke of Wellington came Dr Wordsmith writes: Look,

have I missed something or have you asked your question yet? It wouldn't matter so much, except the pubs have just opened and I think it's my shout...

My question is this. As I was putting my wellington boots on this morning, I realised consciously for the first time that there is a certain technique involved in tucking your trousers into the back of the boots. You don't just stuff your trousers down the boots, because they wouldn't fit. What you do is pull the leg back as far as it will go, then fold it round to the side and, while holding the trouser into the side, slide your leg into the boot, then leave go of the trouser.

Dr Wordsmith writes: Yes, I've

got that. Now, what's your

I just wanted to know if there was a word to describe that very particular and quite unusual

Dr Wordsmith writes: I shouldn't think so for a moment. Do you realise, Dr Wordsmith, that all the information contained in this column has been provided by the readers and not a bit of it by you? Just what kind of an expert are you?

Dr Wordsmith writes: A very thirsty one, sir, and a very annoyed one at having been dragged out of the pub just to answer madcap questions about rubber boots. You will find me in five minutes' time at the bar of the Three Jolly Cobblers - till then,

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At last – the start of a strategy to care for the carers

THE BLAIR Government's search for "joined-up policies" took a step forward yesterday, when the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, launched the first national strategy for carers. Such a strategy is long overdue, and not simply to give carers' morale a boost - although it is to be hoped that it will serve that purpose. The real breakthrough was the change in the quality of service that carers will be entitled to demand.

The state saves an estimated £34bn a year through the work of all those who struggle to care for aged or infirm relatives, a captive reserve army of 6 million who now deserve some of that money back. Many of them are old people caring for their spouses, children looking after their parents, or women forced to interrupt careers to look after children. These forgotten props of the welfare state are not just receiving some of the recognition they desperately need; with just a little attention to detail, the Government is trying to change their everyday lives.

Investment in people, rather than institutions, will save money in the long run. Even something simple such as a ramp at the front door would prevent a district nurse or home help having to attend every time a wheelchairbound resident wanted to get into his or her own home. Better trained carers will be able to cope with more difficult illnesses, allowing the elderly to stay at home longer, and forestalling the need to institutionalise them.

More importantly, new statutory regulations allowing social service departments to provide services direct to carers, and clear rights for those looking after their relatives, mark another stage in the shift from a command economy in care to a more consumer-oriented approach.

There are too many examples of crass insensitivity on the part of social services to represent isolated incompetence; their whole culture must now change. Local bureaucrats have to begin to serve customers rather than provide the services they have already decided on. As with their Social Exclusion Unit experiment, New Labour is rightly trying to bring together different agencies to serve people whose needs cannot be departmentalised.

The caring professions have been hampered by confused responsibilities; doctors, lacking the time for such work, often trust that local authorities are picking up the pieces. A survey published last September by the Princess Royal Trust for Carers showed that most carers felt GPs to be unaware of their needs. The National Strategy will increase consultative links between the NHS and local authorities. This should help to discourage narrow specialisms, dovetailing with the efforts of the Health Secretary, Frank Dobson, to establish joint budgets for the two services and to raise the standards of social services through a General Social Care Council.



This change in attitude is more important than the extra money Mr Prescott announced yesterday. The provision of £140m to allow carers to take a hreak is not much, shared between 6 million people. It will amount to little, if it is not accompanied by an end to the division between health and social services that has plagued the provision of bome care ever since the Sixties, and the start of a process that will lighten the burden of caring.

Much has been achieved through the campaigns mounted by carers' organisations, the burgeoning of which has been one of the most positive developments of recent years. The legal status of carers has been established; Invalid Care Allowance is to be paid to married women; council tax concessions have been granted. But in the end the most important development was the one reinforced yesterday: the move from prescribing care for a whole community to caring for the individual needs of some of the most valuable, resourceful, responsible and vital members of our society.

The stock market must not be too exclusive

A COMPANY named Rebus is casting off its London Stock Exchange listing: this modest computer services firm will be "going private". The news is unlikely to make much of a splash. But the point about Rebus is precisely that it is, relatively, insignificant. It is not the first, and will certainly not be the last, smaller enterprise to de-list. This tendency has been growing. So Rebus is a significant story for what it tells us about the state of our capital markets.

The main problem faced by smaller companies listed on the London International Stock Exchange is that they are a big yawn for the big institutional investors. It is only to be expected that, pushed ahead by a wave of globalising mega-mergers, the larger companies' share prices will outperform those of smaller ones. But the gap in performance becoming a more and more exclusive club.

between the bigger and smaller companies has been growing at an alarming rate for some time.

The bull market has passed many firms by. This suggests a degree of market failure. Teams of researchers watch big firms' fortunes - and some smaller companies in trendy sectors such as the Internet - like hawks. Unfashionable smaller companies are under-researched, and thus under-bought. They then underperform and look even less interesting. A cycle soon sets in.

The market does have a correcting mechanism. When those who do know the true value of their concerns - often the existing management - see a bargain, then they buy their company from a neglectful stock market. But there is a price - the end of access to a cheap source of capital.

Generally, the world's stock markets are efficient ways of raising money. The markets can, as biotech and technology stocks show, take a long view. But for many smaller companies it is unfortunate that the stock market is

These rebels may be game for a laugh, but they're good for nothing

Englishman's idea of what a Welshman should be like.

The MP is dark, his eyebrows are bushy, his voice is mellifluous and rarely silent; bardic blood can easily be imagined to be coursing through his veins. At night he probably meets under Llareggub hill and declaims with Butcher Beynon and the Reverend Eli Jenkins. As a personality he seems an altogether natural choice (to an untutored English eye) for the Welsh Labour Party to pick as its candidate for the post of the first-ever Welsh First Minister If you wanted an eisteddfod opened, Rhodri would appear to be your man.

But then, we English have not really been following the Weish debate, nor will we have to live with the consequences. We simply note that Morgan's Blairite opponent, Alun n Michael – the current Welsh Secretary - lacks huyl. His features are sharp where Morgan's are craggy; his tones flat where Morgan's are musical; his pronouncements are boring and careful, while Morgan's are

exciting and a bit... feels a harsh thing to say about a man who is so popular with the Westminster press corps. When I was - briefly - a parliamentary sketch writer at the House, Rhodri Morgan was one of the few MPs who used regularly to tele-phone me and my colleagues with lishman, but Kirsty Wark is certainly trubber book some droll tale that we might have liked to follow up. For my part, all too often, I couldn't quite see the joke. I was grateful, but slightly nonplussed. And that was also how I felt this

RHOORI MORGAN is every educated weekend when I opened my Sunday newspaper and discovered a fairly typical "what-the-hell-do-we-put-onpage-10?" spread about the BBC's planned programming on the first day of the new millennium. There, surrounded by pictures of Des Lynam and Jill Dando, was a story claiming that anger was growing outside England at the preponderance of English presenters who would be fronting

> Tam Dalyell MP was cross, while admitting that he hadn't even heard of Jill Dando, but the longest, most newsworthy comments came from our Rhodri. "The BBC is planning for its usual London-based luvvies," he is reported as saying. And he is supposed to have added: "This is the age-old problem of the BBC not being truly representative of Great Britain and, as usual, it is the Welsh and the Scots who are largely ignored."

It so happens that, these days, being Scottish or Welsh is an immense asset should you want to be a TV or radio presenter. Scottish and Welsh accents are considered to be engagingly déclassé in a way that English The word, I think, is "silly". This regional accents or received prominciation are not. Tune into the Today programme and you will quickly discover that, of its three main presenters, two are Scots and the third is Welsh. At the other end of the day, on neither of those things. Rhodri is just

plain wrong. However this kind of mild, if empty, "speak first, think later" populism has characterised quite a lot of the



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You might vote for them. but only in the knowledge that there would always be Westminster to fall back on

Morgan campaign so far. It reminds one of the fact that, even before the Welsh referendum, Morgan was not chosen by Tony Blair to fill any position in government, including the

Welsh Office. Alun Michael, however, had already been Jack Straw's right-hand man for some time; and - though unspectacular in demeanour - was thought to be doing a good job at the Home Office, having never held a government post before.

Interestingly, it is those who voted against Welsh devolution who, in my experience, are more likely to support Morgan's candidacy. Some want to punish Tony Blair for inflicting a Welsh Assembly upon them; others reckon that if the thing is going to exist it may as well be led by an enthusiast However, overall there is a sense

that this is one election in which it is fine to make a gesture, to do something different, to stop being so goddamn restrained and responsible - a sense, if you like, that it doesn't really matter.

This is supplemented by something else, which is unique to the British left: a hatred of being in power. A few weeks ago a man wrote to The Guardian's letters page, expressing these sentiments: "I, too, have been a Labour supporter for 30 years," he lamented, "and I too have spent the months since May 1997 in a state of almost continual depression."

In London such a man would be campaigning hard for Ken Livingstone as the capital's mayor, I imagine. Ken, of course, is lionised by the hovvies who so worry Rhodri. That's because he's a laugh, is Ken, a character. The powers-that-be disapprove of him, and he uses their disapproval to fuel his campaign as any icon of teenage rebellion would. At one level Ken is the candidate for those who don't want to tidy their rooms and do their homework

It is not Ken's fault that few can be bothered to read the large print, let alone the small. In a full-page adver-tisement in yesterday's London Evening Standard, Ken repeated his claim that "there is simply no question of my using the mayorship to wage political warfare against the Government". Nevertheless, he wants to increase corporation tax on city firms. otherwise "we will find ourselves in conflict with the electorate and with phatically, is not the view from No 11. parties, it won't last.

In the same advertisement, the Ken campaign proclaims that "Londoners are subsidising the rest of the country. For each pound... we get back only 75p." His target, once again, is Gordon Brown and the subsidised Scots.

Not very undestabilising. This is, of course, a mirror image of what the Scottish National Party has been saying to the increasingly sympathetic Scottish electorate. Where Ken sees a cabinet full of Scots, the SNP portrays a Labour Party full of Middle England-appeasing Islingtonites. London plays the same role in SNP demonology as Dublin does in Ian Paisley's. The SNP argues that Scotland would do well out of a divorce.

As I write this, it is not impossible that all three campaigns - Morgan's, Livingstone's and the Scottish National Party's - will succeed. It raises some interesting possibilities for the future as these populist movements call for money to be stripped from the others and handed over to them. And I fully concede that each of the three represents something that is attractive about its nation or city.

The problem is that none of them is really serious, really grown-up. You might vote for them, but only in the knowledge that there would always be Westminster to fall back upon if it all

You can get Ken and still have Tony in No 10; you can enjoy Rhodri safe in the knowledge that the Alun Michaels are really in charge; you can take a punt on the Nats, but Gordon will still be running the economy. Which will public sector unions". That, most em- be fun for a while. But, like all teenage

carefully designed to prove his ABDULLAH PROMISES to fol-

OUOTE OF THE DAY

"After all this time and all this effort by so many people, I still don't have any answers." Duwayne Brooks, key witness in the Stephen Lawrence case

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"Life is a tragedy for those who feel, and a comedy for those who think." Jean de la Bruyère. French author

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Hussein has plunged Jordan into uncertainty is an understatement. Days before his death he made his son his successor instead of his brother, who had had 34 years of grooming. The last-minute switch ensures a degree of animosity towards the prince who is unschooled in politics and innocent in the ways of palace equation he is an unknown, yet expected to live up to the tow-

TO SAY that the death of King ering achievements of his father Few successors ever do. Hong Kong Standard

KING HUSSEIN'S son's mettle will be tested as he learns to steer the country through regional landmines. A number of Arab countries have stretched their hand of friendship to King and its high-level delegation for THE NEW king, Abdullah, will Abdullah - he can expect his relations with the United Arab intrigues. In the Middle East Emirates to be as cordial as his father's. Abu Dhabi has made known its gesture of support Khaleej Times, UAE

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ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD Comment on the future of Jordan following the death of King Hussein

its regard for the new king. The Arab support being extended to him is a good augury.

the funeral is an indication of reassure allies and friends that he will keep all of Jordan's commitments, while letting enemies know that he is not weak. Each step he takes will be

readiness and competence, but low his father's lead and purthe real test will come in five sue a policy of peace in the great legacy - despite his last-minute reshuffling of succession - was his ability to give Jordan such a relatively serene transition Jerusalem Post

years or so if, and when, King Middle East. But he has a long Abdullah has proven himself to way to go before he can escape be the rightful, capable the legacy left by his father. Abmonarch ready to move out dullah's transition to the throne from his father's shadow. As for takes place at a time when the now, part of King Hussein's peace process is deadlocked over the suspension of the implementation of the Wye agreement. Analysts expect it will be some time before Abdullah plays a role in the process. China Daily

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JUST AS Jack Straw is about to introduce a shake up of the system for dealing with asylum seekers. Pandora hears of the arrival on his doorstep of another group of desperate refugees. Hundreds of mice have turned up at the Home Office building at Queen Annes Gate in London, having fled the tyranny of environmental health officers who have driven them out of their home under the nearby Tube station, St James's Park. Straw has remained true to his promises to remain firm but fair to those who come to him seeking sanctuary. Pandora heard that he has installed a network of rodentfriendly traps designed to capture hut not kill. A Home Office spokesperson rattily told Pandora; "There has been no evidence of the mice for almost three weeks hut I can tell you that there has been no danger to staff."

Assembly is looking for an "Unner-Editor for tha Chaummer o tha Scrievit Account (Hansard)". The 'Selleric will be £13,737 tae £19,215 on a six-month leemited-tairm contraick". In other words, this is the Ulster-Scots or "Ullans" translation of an advertisement that will appear in tonight's Belfast Telegraph for a sub-editor for the Assembly's Hansard report of its proceedings. Pandora is reliably informed that it is the first Ullans advertisement of its kind. An Irish speaker is already in place hut it will be hard going to find the Ulians equivalent. As a new, trilingual era beckons, Pandora is told that even finding someone to draft the

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advert was hard enough. THERE'S A sort of hizarre symmetry in the appearance of Gants Hill, Essex, which featured in a new report on our suburbs by the Civic Trust. The last time journalists were wandering the streets and writing colour pieces on this obscure suburb was 29 years ago, war in Jordan, wben it was the central newsgathering point for reporters seeking news of the beleaguered King Hussein. All communication links with Amman were down and for a week

much of the war news plus iuterviews with the king were channelled through the dining room of a terraced Gants Hill, Front pages

were filed from the diningroom. TV crews from all over the world camped out in the prim suburban street, filming everything that moved, and one night the BBC2 news was even presented live from the house.

VIEWERS OF the Scotland vs Wales rugby match in the Five Nations' championship on Saturday will have caught a glimpse of Donald Dewar and Alun Michael, the respective secretaries of state, watching the game at Murrayfield. Michael certainly deserves some relaxation after a few setbacks in his contest with Rhodri Morgan for Labour's choice for Welsh Assembly leader. Pandora has followed the contest closely and wondered where Rhodri Morgan was for the game. It appears that on Saturday morning both men were campaigning in North Wales. Afterwards Michael was flown ont to watch the

game live in Scotland, while

Morgan chose the humbler

surroundings of Wrexham Labour Clnh TV lounge.

PANDORA SALUTES the Ministry of Defence who appear to have made the most dramatic expenditure saving in history. In 1996/97 the department spent £481,383 on public opinion surveys. But according to a parliamentary answer given late last week, in 1997/98 the department spent only the princely sum of 5p on opinion polls. Pandora would appreciate the name of their

NEWS REACHES Pandora of the actress Sophia Loren doing a Delia. The screen goddess has just launched her own cookbook - Sophia Loren's Recipes and Memories. While she does not advise on how to boil an egg, she does tell aspiring cooks about her First Communion service, at the age of nine. The service was marred by wartime aerial bombings interrupting the ceremony. One bomb fell about 300

> charch. Defiant Sophia says: "I wasn't particularly foolhardy or courageous, but even in the midst of the bomhings I would be anticipating, with all the strength my muster, the

> > This is partly complacency, and

No wonder our children are bonkers

LAST WEEK'S revelation that our children are suffering from primaryschool executive stress, are often weirdly neurotic and are generally going bonkers, should perhaps come as no surprise.

For some time, after all, we've known that more pupils are being excluded from schools than ever before. The rise in juvenile crime has become so severe that a children's prison is now available where 11and 12-year-olds are put under the care of Group Four security operatives. As for the mental health of our more law-abiding children, a recent survey that put Tim Henman in 11th place in a list of moral and spiritual leaders most respected by 15-yearolds tells its own grim story.

The problem, it need hardly be said, lies not with children, most of whom remain surprisingly sane, but with adults who tend to express their own anxieties in their attitudes

The Victorians were clammily obsessed with the innocence of childhood and eagerly painted or photographed its naked, prelapsarian purity. More recently, the ideals of the hippie revolution



TERENCE BLACKER

The problem lies with adults who express their own anxieties in their attitudes to the young

curdled at the precise point, in the preoccupied with the "liberation" of schoolchildren, while the following decade revealed a sort of guiltridden fear of the young, with the new wave of such books and films as The Exorcist, Flowers in the Attic and The Shining

Elements of all these neuroses are evident today - for example, in

the unhealthy media interest in paedophilia and in the peculiar public rage shown against young offenders - but a contemporary gloss has been added. According to last week's report, from the Mental Health Foundation, children are increasingly perceived either as "evil demons" or, on the other hand, as "designer accessories or pets".

In other words, now that we not only compete for better salaries but also like to show a healthy profit in our caring, emotional lives, the need to be seen as a successful parent has become central. Children have become little ambassadors for their proud, boastful parents.

But to raise these acceptably

dynamic yet well mannered children, who pass all the right exams and get into the right schools, requires mouey, effort and anxiety from middle-class parents in the private system. Ruinously expensive nursery schools employ a head of studies who solemnly reports to parents on the academic progress of their four-year-olds. Teachers in private and public sectors are under umprecedented pressure from the more ambitious parents to push

their progeny up out of the muchfeared average ability band.

Oddly, these attitudes seem to have infected the educational system as a whole. The national curriculum has radically reduced the time pupils spend playing or in lessons now deemed less important (music or drama, for example) in favour of yet another exam-geared lesson in literacy or arithmetic. In our eagerness to turn our children into respectable, upwardly mobile mini-adults, we are squeezing out the very moments of leisure, freedom and exploration that would provide them with the selfsufficiency and emotional resources they need to survive in an absurdly stressful world. The much-vaunted caring society is in too much of a

at their own pace. Meanwhile, at the other end of the scale, parents who have discovered that their children are neither pets nor accessories but are every bit as inconveniently imperfect as any adult express the new spirit of selfishness not in over-competitiveness but with neglect - passing on an inheritance of despair and

hurry to allow children to develop

cynicism. No wonder the next generation is going off the rails.

Judging by figures published by the Children's Society the situation of young people in Britain is one of deep crisis. There has been a 450 per cent increase in permanent exclusions from school since 1990. The number of 15- and 16-year-olds in custody rose by 72 per cent in the three years before 1995. We imprison more young people than any other country in the European community - 5,300 a year compared to 16 in Denmark and 25 in Portugal. An average of 100 children run away from home every day.

Nor should those who point to the success of that nice Tim Henman in the survey of moral role models be too smug; a recent report into teenage language has revealed that the distrust of 13-year-olds of anyone who does not conform to generally accepted norms of clean-cut looks and conventional behaviour is part of a deep and often violent sexual or racial prejudice. The reason for their closed-mindedness is a profound sense of insecurity.

The mini-adults are coming into their inheritance.

We may need the Americans, but peace will still come

AS EVERY Irish schoolboy knows, or thinks he knows, Lloyd George threatened Michael Collins with 'immediate and terrible war" should the 1921 Anglo-Irish negotiations prove unsuccessful. If the Good Friday agreement unravels over the next few months, few really believe that the same sword of Damocles hovers over everyone's head. Failure is much more likely to lead to confusion than an instantaneous return to full-scale paramilitary battle.

There is little sense that the big battalions are poised and ready to roll if the agreement goes down, but if it does disintegrate, all will be plunged into extremely hazardous free fall. Nowhere on the horizon is there any sign of any credible Plan B: it's the agreement or it's back to the drawing-board.

is complex. Although there is much worry about the fate of the agreement, there is still no great sense of crisis. Seventy-one per cent of voters endorsed the agreement in last year's referendum: if they were really worried, some of them would surely be making their anxious voices heard, out on the streets or in other ways. But they're not, and that's probably because, as Mo Mowlam told David Frost the other day, they can think different things at the same time. Nobody can see how to solve the decommissioning conundrum, yet at the same time few really believe that the peace process

partly a slightly irrational sense that something that has come so far and achieved so much could not simply implode now, when a new cross-community government is within grasp. Yet complacency is not so far from optimism, and it really does seem to be the case that North-



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London, Dublin and Washington could force Trimble and Adams

into an accommodation

ern Ireland, after all the years of gloom and pessimism, is now disof underlying optimism and faith in the future. This is despite all the political alarums and excursions, all the confrontational rhetoric, the lovalist arson attacks and the persistence of the kneecappings and beatings.

The recent concentration on the "punishment" attacks has given many the impression that overall violence is as bad as ever. This is misleading. Since the Omagh bombing last August, three people have been killed - two by loyalists and one by republicans. On a human level this represents three tragedies: three families plunged into grief, three question marks over peace. But on a statistical level, it represents possibly the most pacific period that Northern Ireland has enjoyed in more than three decades.

Although the major groups are certainly involved in illegalities, show no appetite for a return to war on the old model. Speaking recently of the peace process, a senior republican figure said: "We have made life decisions - this leadership of Sinn Fein made life decisions in going down this path." A similar attitude is evident on the

loyalist side, where most leadership figures give no sign of seeking a way back to war There are, however, elements on both the republican and loyalist sides who are attempting to restart the conflict, and are regrouping themselves into new organisations. While some of these have the capacity to do real damage, they are microscopic in comparison with the bigger groups. They are splinters from splinters, their membership measured in dozens rather than thousands, out of step not just with the general public but also with the paramilitary mainstream. As ever in Northern Ireland, dif-

ferent psychologies can be seen at sides. Nationalists can be heard worrying that even after the Good Friday agreement, Unionists are showing they have a veto on many aspects of the process. David Trimble, as first minister designate. has deliberately played it long, imposing his own pace on the process and reducing its momentum to a crawl in a way that has produced much frustration among other players. At the same time he has also scored that rarest of things, a Unionist PR victory, in putting republicans on the back foot on decommission-

ing and punishment attacks. On the Unionist side, the decommissioning debate fulfils several functions. Though Mr Trimble did not manage to have it inserted in the Good Friday agreement as a precondition, he has since emerged as its most vociferous champion. In doing so he has snatched away some of the initiative previously held by the anti-agreement Unionist camp, and in oue sense has



Sen George Mitchell, left, with David Trimble Brian Little/PA

blurred the lines between pro- and real power to the assembly, and

anti-agreement Unionists. executive. Others in the camp, to keep Sinn Fein out, while some hope that it will wreck the whole process. Then again, some of the anti-accord Unionists have come to love the new assembly, and want to see the continuation of the assembly and the new status and salaries it has bestowed on them.

As so often in the Middle East, and presently in Kosovo, situations such as this can drag on interminably, generally deteriorating as time passes unless matters are deliberately brought to a head. In Belfast, a decision has now been reached that only a highly intensive negotiation will sort things out, and that a political pressure-cooker is therefore under construction.

Mo Mowlam has said that by 10 March, all will be ready to devolve

although this is officially a target commissioning hope that it will be. line. The scene is thus set for a reachieved and quietly look forward to creation of the talks that culminated the day when everybody, including on Good Friday, with exhausting all-Sinn Fein, will sit together in an night sessions following which politicians emerged into the spring though, want to use it as a weapon sunlight, pale and drawn, to announce that an acceptable compromise has been hammered out.

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It was suggested yesterday that the former US Senator, George Mitchell, who chaired some of the last bout, might return to Belfast again. His reappearance would signify the reinvolvement of Bill Clinton. The theory is that with London. Dublin and Washington breathing down their necks, both David Trimble and Gerry Adams would be forced into an accommodation.

What Lloyd George in fact said in 1921 was: "We must know your answer by 10pm tonight. You can have until then -hut no longer - to decide whether you will give peace or war to your country." The hope in 1999 is that republican and unionist

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The perils of digging up our ancestors IT HAS been estimated that, between 1600 and 1900, 6 million individ-

uals were huried in London. We can add to this an unknown number dating back to the Roman foundation of the City in about AD50. Through archaeological excavation, the remains of about 6,500 of those individuals have found their way into the care of the Museum of London. London is one has been noted that "British of the most heavily excavated cities in the world. This is because of its great size and antiquity, and the continuing demand for development.

It is now almost unknown in Britain for archaeologists to choose to excavate human remains. Too much archaeology is being destroyed; there are too few archaeologists and too little money to allow us to decide where to dig; we principally react to sites threatened with destruction.

Under the 1857 Burial Act it is illegal to disinter a body without lawful authority. This authority comes in the form of a licence from the Secretary of State at the Home Office. Permission to disturb bodies buried in consecrated ground

There is now a large and detailed literature on the ethics of excavating, curating and displaying human remains. However, it has to be said that this deals almost entirely with foreign cultures and religions. Concerns about the ethics of excavating earlier generations

of Britons, once you are beyond those who may have living relatives, are less clear-cut. It attitudes to dead bodies are ambivalent, contradictory and volatile". One reason for this is that Christian faith does not have strong views on the sanctity of the dead.

Archaeologists are very conscious of the dangers involved in their work. Many precautions are taken. Diseases to watch include tetanus and Weil's disease.

However, there are a numher of extra dangers that are specifically associated with excavating human remains. There is a risk of catching the diseases that caused the death of the body, only if any of the soft tissue survives; this is likely following more modern burials only where wood or more probably lead, coffins



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HEDLEY SWAIN From a lecture by the head of the early collections department,

delivered at the Museum of London

are a risk - anthrax and smallpox. Anthrax is rare in Britain, but can be fatal if not treated promptly. It is a spore-forming bacillus, which is reported to be able to survive for at least 50 to 100 years.

Smallpox killed and scarred its victims for thousands of years. It is now officially eradicated from the world, making the threat of contamination from bodies all the more serihave been used. Two diseases ous. In 18th-century London ers died. This is probably an

about one in ten adult and one overestimate, hut figures in three child deaths were from smallpox, so any excavation of burials from that period is bound to deal with victims. Can the virus survive for

know However unlikely it may be, the risk is still there. London has been occupied as an urban space for almost 2,000 years with only a very short gap during the early Saxon period. There are a lot

of dead Londoners lying below

The distribution of burials reflects the growth of the urban centre. We have very few burials from prehistoric and Saxon times - this is because there was only a small, non-urban. population in the London area. with no concentrations of population Roman law did not allow for the burial of the dead within city boundaries. It was also normal for cemeteries to

city, and indeed this is what we find in London. In 1348, London was struck by the Black Death, which led to the need for emergency burial provision. One estimate suggests that 500,000 London-

flank the main roads leaving a

would have been high. Clearly the existing cemeteries could not cope, and new emergency provision was made.

In 1905 a mass grave was unlong periods? We simply do not covered on the site of the Grey Friars priory, north of St Paul's, with several hundred burials. There are records that another site of 13 acres was purchased for the same purpose near Smithfield

By the 17th century, London's church cemeteries were becoming overcrowded. There was often no room for expansion close to the church, so new cemeteries were established on the edge of built-up areas.

Between 1837 and 1841 the government authorised the building of seven commercial cemeteries. The most famous of these were Highgate, Kensal Green and Nunhead.

As long as development continues in London there will be pressure on land and the need to move the last resting-place of some of our ancestors. Archaeologists will continue to offer an option for their removal. which will contribute to our knowledge about this important aspect of

THE RESERVE BY RIVING

Farewell to the old factories



HAMISH MCRAE

Production lines have dominated this century. but they won't dominate the 21st century

ANYONE CONTEMPLATING the plight of Rover should get the bad news out of the way first. Rover has to face three harsh realities. The first is that there is around 40 per cent over-capacity in European car production. The second is that the UK does not have any evident comparative advantage in mass production of consumer durables, including cars. And the third is that a management team probably better suited to the task of rescuing Rover than any other in the world has so far failed to revive it.

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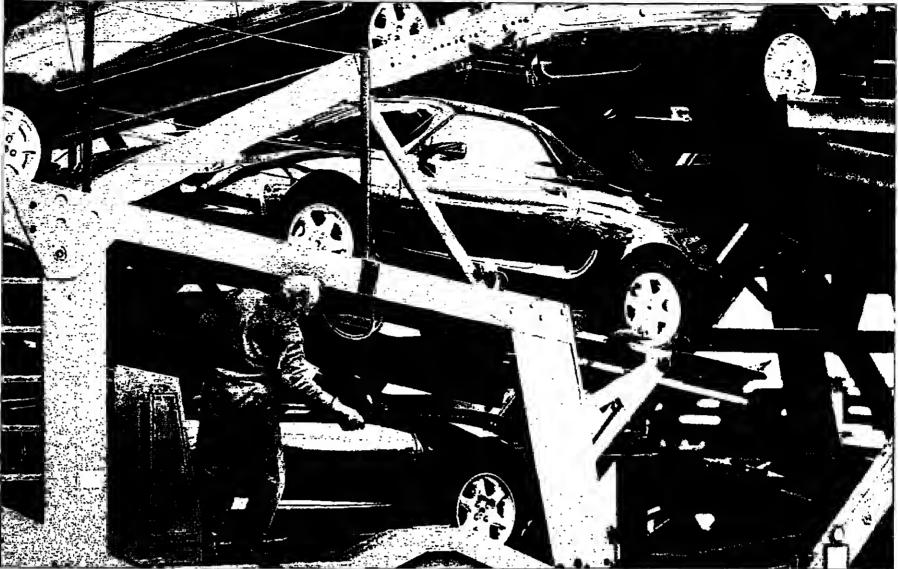
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Now three bits of good news. This is not a re-run of the "Red Robbo", Austin Allegro, mass picketing mayhem of the Seventies. Nor is the future of the motor industry any longer so crucial to the future of the British economy. And there are corners of the British car industry that have a fascinating potential in the next century.

The negatives have been widely aired. Manufacturing cars has been the most important industry this century, hut now it is a mature one. In the developed world, the market is a replacement one; it is no longer growing. As the quality of cars improves, the need to buy new ones diminishes, and as new industrial nations with low labour costs enter the market, the global supply rises. The resulting over-capacity has to be taken out somewhere.

Some will come out here in Britain. The UK is by no means a bad place to build cars. As Nissan has demonstrated in Sunderland, British workers, properly trained and properly treated, can be as productive as any in the world. But that is in a new plant, with imported skills, and in a part of the country with no tradition of making cars. In the old Austin plant of Longbridge, with a troubled history and lack-lustre products, even a management as flexible, intuitive and determined as BMW has found it impossible not to lose a great deal of money.

On the surface there is a sense of déjà vu - as though we are back in the Seventies. The weekend of the hoardroom row, resignations, interviews with worried workers, threats to shut Longbridge, calls for government support, and - a nice touch - Dennis Skinner calling for the company to be nationalised.



MGF sports cars being transported from the Rover Group plant at Longbridge near Birmingham

The reality mercifully is very different. This issue now is not what to do with a strike-ridden catastrophe, but rather how to manage a further downsizing of part of an industry in a civilised way. Change is inevitably painful: decent people end up being hurt, and the shockwaves extend far beyond the direct employees to entire communities.

So the more cleverly change is managed, the smaller the number of casualties and the less extensive the collateral damage. If that means taking money from British taxpayers and giving it to the Quant family in Bavaria (the principal owners of BMW) to bribe them to keep some production going in Longbridge, then so be it. But we should not kid ourselves that this is the best future for the British economy. That future lies elsewhere.

But where? You have to start with the question - what can we do in this country that gives us a comparative advantage over other people in other countries?

Objectively there are several areas where there is a measured advantage: in pharmaceuticals. financial services, media and. entertainment, miscellaneous high technology products, and so on. There is one well-known example

in the motor trade; racing cars. The majority of the world's Formula One cars are made here in Britain because the cluster of skills needed to make them happens to have developed here. Two particular qualities - creativity and craftsmanship-happen to abound in the UK, and in industries which require these, it is possible to dominate the world market.

Sub-pockets of these craft-based motor manufacturing businesses keep developing into something more. Mayflower has made a success of producing bodies for the new MGF and the new Rolls-Royce. The newest potential business, for those interested in such things, is sticking powerful motorcycle 20th century, but they will not dom-engines into snazzy two-seater inate the 21st to anything like the sports-car bodies to create a new generation of funmobiles.

The craft element in manufacturing - in retreat for two generations - is again becoming significant. We tend to forget that until Henry Ford invented the production line, most manufacturing was craft-based. There were factories for textiles, but in the last century most of the products of the industrial revolution were made individually. Ships were one-offs, each different from the one before.

Railway engines were made in batches. The earliest cars were made in batches, largely by hand. Today, this way of organising production continues in a few

industries: for example, large aircraft engines and the aircraft themselves. Aircraft production can be quite highly automated, but it is qualitatively different from the sort of production line that produces, say, a TV set. The motor car is interesting because it is the most complicated product in the world built on a production line. It is, so to speak, at the top of that chain.

Now ponder this proposition: roduction lines will become less important. They dominated the same extent

There are a number of reasons to support this view. First, manufacturing as a whole is accounting for a smaller and smaller proportion of the economy of developed nations, for as we get richer we tend to spend a higher proportion of our income on services rather than goods. True, services are now being manufactured in ways that would have seemed odd even 10 years ago - think of call centres and dealing rooms as factories producing is a factory of sorts, it is not a production line; each person is doing an individual one-to-one joh.

services. But though a call centre at the total employment in the clas-

Second, when we buy goods, even if they are mass-produced, the numbers of people employed on the production lines to make them has come down to perhaps a quarter of the level of 25 years ago, and will fall further Go round a modern car factory and there will be hardly anyone on the line: only if something goes wrong so people jump out and fix the automated machine that has developed the fault.

Third, as societies become richer, more and more people will be prepared to pay for something that is individually-made, rather than stamped out on a production line. We cannot all afford handmade prodocts (and with cars there are not many of them around). But anyone who chooses to run an older classic car rather than a modern buzz-box is essentially paying for the craft skills to keep it running rather than the production line skills to build the new alternative.

I am not, of course, suggesting that Longbridge's future lies in turning itself into a classic car reconditioning factory - though the government would be wise to look others in the years ahead.

OF REPLY **NICOLAS**

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WALTER



A director of the Rationalist Press Association responds to Paul Vallely's recent articles about atheism

PAUL VALLELY includes in his criticisms of the views of non-religious people such as Ludovic Kennedy (daily book review, 3 February) and myself "An organised faith in humanity", 30 January) the questionable statements that "human heings are hardwired for religion as they are for language and music" and that "biogenetic structuralism now suggests that human beings are genetically programmed for music, language, dance – and religion".

What is the evidence? Has anyone actually discovered a "hard wire" or gene for religion? Even if almost all of us are programmed for language. and most of us for music and perhaps dance, are any of us programmed for religion? Even if most people in most places at most times seem to have supernatural and superstitious views, must all people in all places at all times therefore do so?

John Voos

sic-car industry and see this as a

good at mass manufacturing is not

as important an aspect of economic

success as it used to be. If you are

wonderful at making cars, as Ger-

many is, that is great. Germany has

become the world's largest exporter

largely on the back of success in one

industry. It has the agglomeration

of design and management skills

that enables it to charge a premi-

um price for its products and so

overcome the handicap of high

We do not have that advantage

and accordingly have to be sub-

contractors to Germany and to

other nations. But being good at a

mature industry, probably a shrink-

ing one, is not a particularly prof-

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What I am saying is that being

point of potential growth.

Even if everyone were religious, would this mean that religion is true, in any normal sense of the word? Many people believe in witches or ghosts, astrology or telepathy; reincarnation or resurrection. but does this mean that such beliefs are true in any sense at all? Even if religious people are happier and healthier. does this make them right?

What about the large and growing number of people who don't have any kind of supernatural or superstitious beliefs, and do quite well without them? Are we somehow genetically defective - spiritually tone-deaf or colourblind, as it were?

Or rather, since we no longer hear imaginary voices or see imaginary visions, do we perhaps belong to the next stage in buman evolution? Are we intellectually or morally inferior in any way to religious people, or are we actually superior?

The street smell of success

CHARLES BUKOWSKI was the mesmerisingly ugly poet of downtown Los Angeles with a legendary appetite for drinking and sex with crazy women. He was the apotheosis of the cult writer, the longest-serving American street poet and boozing burn, who died in 1994 aged 73. His work, in poems, stories and novels, is published almost exclusively by the Black Sparrow Press in California, in handsome and expensive volumes.

Bukowski's tone is caught in a poem called "as crazy as I ever was" from his mid-Seventies collection Love Is A Dog From Hell. It's about being unchanged by his cult status: "The feeling is the/ same:/ relentless/ unheroic and/ necessary/ sitting here/ drunk and writing poems/ at 3:24 a.m." In fact, the fame that came in the



TUESDAY POEM

MIDDLE AGE

BY ROBERT WELLS

The temples, lakes and islands; rooms and roads:

When we go wandering, soon there's too much

To gather into consequence. Our touch

Has brushed too many stones; too many gods

Have played the host to us and had their claim

Shrugged off. Old pockets, worn-out wallets keep

The bills and tickets. In a drawer, a heap

Of shells recalls a place, perhaps a name.

Youth's body, like a broken statue, lies

Deep-buried with the meaning that it gave.

We cast about for something we can save

By which to save ourselves; more blank than wise

For all the miles that brought us to this ground,

Still ignorant of where value can be found.

This poem comes from Robert Wells's new

collection, 'Lusus' (Carcanet, £6.95)

TUESDAY BOOK CHARLES BUKOWSKI: LOCKED IN

THE ARMS OF A CRAZY LIFE BY HOWARD SOUNES, REBEL INC. £15.99

biographical movie Borfly, in which he was played by Mickey Rourke changed a lot, but he meant that it changed nothing important. Ultimately, Bukowski was a poet of small things, the small necessary things that kept him alive and working.

Biographers of Bukowski face a peculiar problem, because most of their readers will be his readers. They will already know his life story. They will have encountered it in his strange, last 10 years of his life - including the affecting prose, which is direct and

spare as well as romantic and self-

mythologising. In novels such as Post Office and Factotum, he straightforwardly recounts a life of writing in between desperate jobs - sorting mail on night shifts or being a bar-room "gofer" ~ and the many women with whom he had lusty, violent and loving relationships. His biographer must rework the same material as in those books.

However, Bukowski was primarily a poet. All his writing is versified into very short and unadorned lines or sentences. The titles of his 40-odd books tell much of the story: Tales of Ordinary Madness, The Days Run Away Like Wild Horses over the Hills, You Get So Alone at Times That it Just . Makes Sense or Notes of a Dirty Old Mon. In a poem called How to Be a Great Writer, he names some of his inspirations (Hemingway, Céline, Dostoevsky and Hamsun) and advises "always be aware of the possibility of total defeat/ whether the reason for that defeat/ seems right or wrong". He work to a biographer like this: "Writ-

ing has to be blood on the line." Howard Sounes set out to write a definitive biography of Bukowski with- living in cheap apartments and workout ever encountering him. He has interviewed widely and had access to previously unseen archives. New facts prick several myths. One important and funny". All of this is true but does discovery is the truth about his escape not quite get to the heart of it. from the postal service to write fulltime at the age of 50.

He struck a famous deal with John Martin - founder of Black Sparrow



living expenses for life in exchange for condemn anyone except "phonies", the rights to all his work. Sounes reveals that Bukowski knew he was about to be fired and so, ironically, was even more desperate than he ever revealed. However, within a month of "quitting" he had completed a draft of his first novel, Post Office, and the rest is, well, hiography.

Sources writes that, despite the acknowledged influence of John Fante's seminal novel, Ask the Dust. "Bukowski stands alone in modern described the simple vitality of his American literature, unclassifiable and much imitated". He adds that Bukowski wrote about the everyday lives of "less successful Americans ing at menial jobs", recognising that "human lives are often wretched" but that "life can also be beautiful, sexy not quite get to the heart of it.

The core of Bukowski's writing is its articulation of almost complete disaffection and its dismissal of conventional life: the acceptance of so Press - who guaranteed to pay his little by so many. Bukowski doesn't

but he refuses to ransom his life to a stifling, homogenous world and so be finds a way to exist among its refuse. It's a place where life has become elemental, where continuing with it is not taken for granted but rebuilt from Bukowski's voice is insistent and

affirming but it also has the humble durability of someone who won't stay down. Here - at the extremity of things, amid bruising lust and messy human loss - the value of his work lies.

The man who emerges from Sources's work is one who shamelessly pursued his needs for beer, women and recognition - a man capable of tenderness, who always paid child support for his daughter and who resisted the seductions of belated, relished fame. This biography is an affectionate and thorough introduction that will not be rivalled for quite some time. Its effect is to revitalise rather than reduce Bukowski's work: poems and stories that help keep people alive. GUY MANNES-ABBOTT

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John Gay

years he had also become a skilled potter and his work is much prized.

He was born Hans Gohler into a largish family in Karlsrühe in 1909, and became interested in photography when he left school. He attended art school in Paris and worked as a photographer on returning to Germany. In the early Thirties he became aware of, and increasingly disliked, the rise of Hitler's influence, and was horrified by the treatment of his several Jewish friends, although not Jewish himself. In 1933 a friend, young Walther Stern, and his parents decided to flee to Britain, and Hans left his own family to accompany them. They settled in Halifax in Yorkshire, the Sterns became his "adoptive family", and Hans

found work as a photographer. In 1939 he joined the Pioneer Corps and served with them throughout the war. He could be very entertaining with his stories of army ways and customs - an attitude which undoubtedly contributed to his adoption of a British way of life, and which jibed with his adoption of the name

John Gay, of Beggar's Opera fame. Before the war his photographic work had been largely commercial, hut his love of nature and the countryside was an influence from the beginning, and whenever he could he widened his field, significantly in the direction of architecture. After his marriage in 1942 to Marie Arnheimwho had come to England from Berlin in t936 - he settled in London, in Highgate, moving in 1951 to the house

where he spent the rest of his life. His professional work covered, on the one hand, such firms as Kosset Carpets (many wonderful pictures of cats) and various pet food companies and, on the other, the portrayal of literary personalities for the Strand Mogazine and landscapes and huildings for Country Fair. Four of his portraits - Hilaire Belloc. Walter de la Mare, T.S. Eliot and John Masefield - are in the Nation-

al Portrait Gallery's Primary Collection, and many more in its archive.

Gay's love of gardening went hack to his childhood when he John Gay's best photographic work was true art in that it was oot

THE BARITONE Raymond Wolansky

was one of those American singers

who came to Germany in the 1950s in search of fame and fortune. Many,

having gained experience, went

back to the United States; Wolansky

ca during those years, most partic-

ularly to San Francisco, the

Wurttemberg State Opera in

Stuttgart was his home base during

almost his entire singing career. He

appeared frequently in Hamhurg

and other German cities, as well as

at Glyndebourne, Edinburgh and

Covent Garden, His voice, at first a

high, light baritime, grew stronger

tained an amazingly youthful timbre

up to - and beyond - his retirement.

Wolansky studied in that city, and in

Boston, before taking the well-worn

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1926,

and darker over the years, but it re- Strong, dark baritone

and Graz, then in 1958 he became a company until 1991.

route to Europe. He sang in Lucerne late 1960s, he remained with the

Althnugh he returned to Ameri-

stayed for the rest of his life.

JOHN GAY, photographer of rail- done to order, but became part of his way stations, graveyards, cast iron, life, to be recorded at the right mocats, and much more, died in his ment when scene, light and angle all 90th year while doing the work he came together to form a composition loved most: tending the grounds of that would satisfy his perfectionist Highgate Cemetery. In his later nature. He worked entirely in black and white, and his contrasting tones can tell the viewer so much more than the mere elements within each picture, splendid though they may be.

His work is preserved in six books. The earliest, London Observed (1964), with commentary by Macdonald Hastings, now seems like an essay in nostalgia. Prospect of Highgate and Hampstead (1967) followed, with Leonard Clark (the children's writer and a Highgate neighbour) and a preface by John Betjeman. Both established him as an architectural and landscape photographer of

His eye was his lens, his camera an extension of himself. He was always a part of the photographs he was taking'

imagination and ingenuity. In 1972, with John Betjeman, he published London's Historic Railway Stations images of Victorian detail and of soaring train-shed roofs that remain long in the memory. The delightful John Gay's Book of Cats (1975) followed, and then his best-known Highgate Cemetery (1984) and,

perhaps his finest, Cast Iron (1985). John R. Murray, of his principal publisher John Murray, comments, "His eye was his lens and his camera an extension of himself...he was always a part of the photographs he was taking and not apart from them ... He saw hlack and white as the

medium he preferred and managed to achieve contrast and mood that I have never seen equalled in colour."

helped his mother in her garden in

Karlsrühe, and was fostered, after



Paddington Station from London's Historic Railway Stations, by Gay and John Betjeman, 1972

he came to England, by an "adoptive uncle", an academic botanist. It came to fruitioo in his association with Highgate Cemetery continuously from the early days of its reclamation from wartime neglect. He went there every weekend as part of a team that tidied and chopped, and

gradually produced order out of chaos. His special contribution was in the planting of woodland flowers; rushes and ferns; snowdrops and bluebells; primroses, cowslips and oxslips: all were transplanted, often grown from seed and carefully tended at home until ready for the wild. Trees he loved, and he had a wonderful instinct for what a colleague termed "woodland management". His own garden was full of interesting plants and imag-

inative plantings; and was, at one time, opened annually to the public.

Harington Scheme (a demonstration

Raymond Wolansky

Werne Henze and Aribert Reimann.

His type of voice, which in Germany

is called a Kavaliersbariton, was not

in the earlier days suitable for the

heavier Verdi or Puccini roles, though he tackled both Renato in Un

ballo in maschera and Marcello in

La Bohème: he had a great natural

aptitude for modern music, and

faced the Burgundian Troubadour

in Orff's Carmina Burana, or

Major Mary in Zimmermann's Die

Soldaten, with perfect equanimity.

to sing Olivier, the poet in Strauss's

Capriccio, which he repeated the fol-

lowing year. Other Strauss roles in his

repertory included Faninal in Der

Rosenkaralier, John the Baptist in

Salome, and Mandryka in Arabella.

In 1964 he made his début in San

Francisco as Count Luna in Il troou-

tore. Over the next few seasons

In 1963 he came to Glyndebourne

He soon acquired a wide reper-there, to demonstrate his versatility tory, ranging from Gluck and Mozart he also sang Ping in Turondot, Sil-

to Richard Strauss, Britten, Hans vio in Pogliocci, Colonel Frank in Die

plot in Highgate where young people with learning disabilities are taught gardening), which he helped to initiate; and his interest in his surroundings led him to the Highgate Society, of which he and Marie were founder members. She, too, had trained as an artist, and when he took up pottery, she took up fabric printing. They both drew, and even had

life-drawing groups in their house. Gay's technical and historical knowledge of pottery, particularly of glazes, allied to his practical skills, gave his work a freshness and interest in colour and form that attracted collectors from far beyond the bounds of Highgate. It became a notable feature of the craft fairs that he and Marie helped to organ-

ise for the Highgate Society. Like many perfectionists John His love of gardening led him to the Gay was uncompromising in his

views but extraordinarily generous

Fledermous, Riccardo in Bellini's Pu-

ritori and Manfredo in Montemezzi's

L'amore di tre re, as well as his show-

lar guest artist at the Hamburg

State Opera. During 1970 he took

part in two world premieres there:

in January he sang the chief role.
Pestilence, in Milko Kelemen's Der

Belagerungszustand, an adapta-

tion of Albert Camus' play The Siege

Situation; and in June he was Uru-

muru in Ernst Krenek's Das kommt

davon, a modern version of Cosi fan

tutte set partly in the South Seas. Re-

turning to San Francisco, in 1972,

Wolansky took the part of Alfred III

in the American premiere of Got-

tfried von Einem's Der Besuch der

Alten Dame, adapted from Dürren-

matt's play The Visit of the Old Lody.

Wolansky made his only appear-

Since 1960 Wolansky was a regu-

piece role in Carmina Burana.

with his talents. He was a modest and private person who delighted in helping others; whether feeding an absent neighbour's cats, cutting out dead wood from an overgrown shrub

LIVIA GOLLANCZ Hans Gohler (John Gay), photographer and potter: born Karlsrühe, Germany 2 September 1909; married 1942 Morie Arnheim; died

ances at Covent Garden in 1973, as

Even after retiring in 1991 Wolan-

Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg.

Raymond Wolansky, opera singer:

1926; died Stuttgart, Germany

triumphs of his career.

or photographing a local event. His own house was a veritable cultural haven. Music, pictures, pottery, books and good wine were important to him; and he extracted the best elements from the century that his amazing life nearly spanned. The work he has left behind - photographs, pots, contributions to gardens and to the urban scene - will remain a fine record of a life devoted to art in so many of its manifestations.

London 24 January 1999.

to prosecute Calder and Boyars in

cases to defend. Sixties with some discomfort, but quickly adapted to the challenge of the times. She took part in the rad-icalism of the prevailing climate, became known as a feminist, and brought the books and educational ideas of Ivan Illich into the list which, although their popularity was short-lived, were much in vogue chiring the days of student protest and the demands of classiess youth for better lives and a bigger slice of

Marion Boyars

MARION BOYARS came into publishing at the end of the Fifties, having taken a degree at the new experimental Keele University, largely to escape the life of a bored housewife in Shrewsbury, where her husband was an industrialist manufacturing ladies' underwear. She answered my advertisement in the Bookseller looking for a partner in what was then a nearly 10-year-old small publishing company called John Calder. After working as a volunteer for two years she decided, against the advice of her financial adviser, to invest and bought a partnership, bringing her accountant in with her

as director. It was a time when the company was moving from political publishing into literature and had taken on Samuel Beckett, the nouveau roman, and several experimental British writers. The Obscene Publications Act of 1959, swiftly followed by the Lady Chatterley trial, had made it worth the risk of publishing much frank and libertine literature that was previously prosecutable providing eminent and informed witnesses could be persuaded to testify in the event of a trial. In addition, more liberal attitudes in America and Europe were becoming reflected in greater British tolerance, leading to a series of permissive reforms

in the law. In 1963 John Calder published Henry Miller's long-banned Tropic of Concer and Tropic of Copricorn in 1964, the same year that Marion Boyars asked for the company's name to be changed to Calder and Boyars. The public expectation of another prosecution like the Lady Chatterley case was frustrated by subtle legal manoeuvring, and other potentially dangerous books such as Alexander Trocchi's Cain's Book (1966) followed under the

new imprint. A string of best-sellers radically changed the company into a successful, medium-sized publisher, and the highbrow quality of a large proportion of its authors, many translated from other languages. gave it considerable international cachet. Longer-established publishers such as Collins and Jonathan Cape began to publish more intellectual European fiction in imitation, and, being as a result less isolated, Calder and Boyars found that slowselling prestigious literature did much hetter, achieving major reviews and bigger sales.

The tide turned when, in 1966, the Director of Public Prosecutions, provoked by a few ultra-Conservative MPs and in particular a private prosecution brought by Sir Cyril Black against an American Calder and Boyars novel, Last Exit to Brooklyn by Hubert Selby, decided

the High Court. There followed nearly two years of difficulty with Patrick (now Lord) Neill defending the Selby novel at the Old Bailey, losing to a jury decision in spite of a judge believed to be Mandryka in Arabella, a part that fitfavourable to the defence. John ted him like a glove, both musically Mortimer, a barrister who was also and dramatically. In Stuttgart toa novelist and playwright, and who had usually until then specialised in wards the end of the 1970s he began marital law, agreed to fight an appeal, to take on heavier roles: as Kurwenal in Triston and Isolde, which was and in 1968 won. Thereafter he was greatly admired, and two of Verdi's inundated with other obscenity heaviest baritone roles, Rigoletto

and Simon Boccanegra, of which the latter brought him one of the biggest sky continued to appear in character roles such as the Old Convict in Shostakovich's Lady Macbeth of the Mtsensk District. He made his final appearance at the age of 70, in March 1996, as Fritz Kothner the Baker in ELEZABETH FORBES

born Cleveland, Ohio 15 February She expanded the sociological aspects of the publishing programme and found new authors, in particular for social studies, biography and literary criticism, while her second husband, Arthur Boyars, helped her with musical titles, his special interest. In 1975 Marion Boyars decided that she would rather be captain of her own ship and the partnership was amicably devolved, each partner going back to their old name.

Thereafter she published as Marion Boyars Ltd. Having half the old back-list, now numbering some thousands of titles - Peter du Sautov former chairman of Faber, adjudicated the break-up - she cootinued to take on new authors (including Pauline Kael, Ken Kesey, Michael Ondaatje, Robert Heilbroner, Charles Marowitz, Julien Green, Eudora Welty) and expand her list, but with no great change of emphasis. The difficulties of running an independent publishing company at a time of corporate merges and take overs, however, with the globalisation of the industry reducing the number of imprints with an individual character, inevitably reduced her visibility

and scope. Marion was the daughter of a German publisher, Walther Asmus, who was unable to save her Jewish mother from arrest by the Nazis; she died in Auschwitz. She and her sister were sent to America via Switzerland, and it was in America that she met George Lohbenberg, who was to become her first husband. After the break-up of that marriage and her entry into publishing she met and married Arthur Boyars, who had been a member of the Tynan-Wain-Amis circle at Oxford, where he had edited a literary magazine, Mandrake, that published them all and

much else Arthur was a poet and a literary journalist when he met her, often forced by circumstances into commercial activities and, being a



Independent publishing

have made an excellent Oxford don. he helped to expand Marion's horizons. Marion had a strong commercial instinct and was a good businesswoman who might have known greater financial success had she entered a firm of a more general and less literary character. Indeed it was the conviction that her business sense was stronger than her partner's that played a major part in her decision to

hecome independent. Marion Boyars enjoyed entertaining and the social mixing which is a necessary part of a publisher's Marion Boyars found herself life. Her knowledge of German conthrown into the maelstrom of the tributed to her acquiring many German authors, but she also published Russian poets like Yevtushenko, musical theorists such as John Cage and Stockhausen and literary novelists and playwrights from France, Poland and, of course, English-

speaking countries.

Marion Asmus, publisher: born Hamburg, Germany 26 October 1927; married first George Lobbenberg (marriage dissolved; two daughters), second Arthur Boyars; died London 31 January 1999.

Khin Myo Chit

FOLLOWING THE 1962 military coup in Burma by the army chief General Ne Win, Khin Myo Chit became ao editor of the new government newspaper published in English. The Working People's Daily.

But it was in this job that she incurred Ne Win's wrath with her increasingly outspoken criticism of the Asia competition. Many regard her repressive socialist regime and its
English language writings as more propaganda methods. Her article "Dandruff in my Haio", on 21 July and her articles on history and 1986, was the final straw. In it, she described how friends would praise her for being prepared to visit political prisoners on their release from jail, and for not being scared that "They" - Military Intelligence or MI would assume guilt by association. While pouring scorn on their fear, she admitted to an enduring guilt for having once shunned a friend released by the Japanese for fear that she too

might become a target. That experience aside, her refusal She was one of the few Burmese San Suo Kyi, an old family friend, nervous wrecks that it transpired a povelty at the time.

after her release from house arrest in 1995. 'The latter's own article "Freedom from Fear" echoes seotiments in "Dandruff".)

member of the Wurttemberg State

Opera, Stuttgart, whose ensemble of

singers was legendary at that time.

Apart from three seasons in the

She continued to write short stories and articles after her dismissal. Her story "Infinite Variety" woo first prize in 1970 in a South-East effective than her Burmese ones. everyday life such as "Colourful Burma" (1990) have been published both inside and outside Burma.

They reflect her wry, mischievous sense of humour. Perhaps it was this which had prompted her to send Ne Win a complimentary copy of a Wanderland of Burmese Legends which had been published outside the country (1984). A few days later the MI called at her house and instructed her to await them the following day. An unmarked car duly to be cowed endured until her death. arrived and she and her husband boarded it with trepidation. An hour brave enough to play host to the 1991 of circling Rangooo followed. It was Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung only after they had been reduced to

that the driver was simply killing time until the appointed hour for them to take tea with the dictator. Ne Win greeted them warmly and asked about old friends, before turning to what he considered to be

errors in the book. Khin Myo Chit developed a rebellious streak as a young girl. Her childhood was disrupted by her policeman father's postings around Burma and she tried in vain to win the affection of a mother who preferred her other children to her disappointingly ugly and headstrong eldest daughter. As a result, Khin Myo Chit buried herself in schoolbooks and grew up on a diet of Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare, Victor Hugo and Dickens, determined to make a career as a bluestocking if she could not be a traditional

Burmese beauty, or better still, a boy. She began to support herself by writing romances and articles, after a first unsuccessful attempt at taking a degree. Ironically her first successful novel was about the life of a female university student, still quite

Against her pareots' wishes, she moved down to Rangoon in 1937. There she fell in with the Thakins ("Masters"), a group of left-wing, pro-independence activists who included Aung San, who was to become the father both of Burmese independence and of Aung San Suu Kyi. Another member of the group was Ne Win, Burma's authoritarian ruler from 1962 to 1988.

At one point Khin Myo Chit shared a house with Thakin Nu, who, as U Nu, was Burma's first postindependence Prime Minister, and Thakin Than Tun, who later led Burma's Communist insurgency. The latter's questioning of Burma's dependence on Buddhism struck a chord with her own youthful scepticism. Both Thakins encouraged her patriotism and the anti-colonial views which had been ignited by her grandparents' first-hand accounts of

British in 1885 of Thibaw, the last Burmese king. government strikes of 1938 and later goon in July 1942. Reductant to seek



making pro-independence speeches. When the Japanese invaded Burma in 1941, she and her writer the banishment into exile by the husband, Khin Maung Latt, whom she had married at the beginning of the war, took refuge in up-country She took part in the anti-monasteries. They returned to Rantoured the delta region with U Nu, favours from their Thakin friends

who, as members of the Burma Independence Army, had been installed in government by the Japanese, they sold slippers for a living.

But eventually they joined the Burma Defence Army and Khin Myo Chit worked in the Women's Section until the end of the war, After the war she returned to writing short stories and articles on Burmese history and culture for magazines. Between 1949 and 1952 she worked for the newly established Burma Translation Society. From 1958 until General Ne Win's 1962 military coup, she was features editor

of the English language Guardian. Despite her staunch opposition to British rule, Khin Myo Chit had many foreign friends and loved English literature. In the 1980s and 1990s she and her husband taught English to students using works such as King Lear and Shaw's Antony and Cleopatra, drawing out the political parallels as well as the Khin Myo Chit, writer and

linguistic lessons. The students enjoyed her tales of if they were astonished by her con- January 1999.

fession that the 1930s "Freedom Fighters" had begun their secret meetings by standing and singing "God Save the King". This, she stressed, was on the grounds that they made a clear distinction between their sovereign and the government they were seeking to overthrow.

During the "Rangoon Spring" of August 1988, she and her husband, like many others, produced a newspaper with articles on politics and democracy. But 10 years of debilitating and disfiguring arthritis followed, which prevented her from writing. Neither medication nor the Buddhist faith she had rediscovered could overcome the pain. This, coupled with deep frustration at the state of Burmese politics and the death of her husband in 1996, finally bowed her indomitable spirit.

journalist: born 1 May 1915; married Khin Maung Latt (one son; the independence movement even died 1996); died Rangoon 2

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NEVILLE BONNER was the first Aborigine to be elected to Australia's federal parliament in its 98 years of existence. He went to Canberra, the capital, in 1971 as a member of the Senate, the upper house, for the conservative Liberal Party. It was an enormous hreakthrough for him and

> itics almost 30 years later. Bonner's triumph was short-lived. The party that adopted him dumped him in 1983, when the Liberals made it impossible for him to win re-election. Bonner's only crime was that be bad become too radical for the party of the white establishment. But he had set a path in history for other indigenous Australians to follow, although only one so far has done so.

his people. Aboriginal land rights were

about to take off as an issue, and are still at the forefront of Australian pol-

Bonner was born on an island in the Tweed River in northern New South Walcs, but spent most of his life in Queensland. He was an elder of the Jagera tribe, a small, nuggety man with a rich growth of hair that became white and rather wild in his later years, but always made him looked distinguished. His home was Ipswich, a town near Brisbane, made infamous by Pauline Hanson, the fringe politician who shot to prominence last year with a campaign attacking Asian immigra-

tion and state funding for Aborigines.

Bonner's political life lasted more than 20 years: he was still speaking out for his people in 1998. Hanson's rash, fierce hlaze petered out after less than three years. As Neville Bonner died, the rump of Hanson's party in Queens-land was imploding, its leader seemingly a spent force after losing ber parliamentary seat last year.

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Hanson-style bigotry among white Australians was a burdle that Bonner overcame to win power. Once in parliament, though, he often had to face resentment from among his own people, especially the younger generation of Ab-original activists – educated, fiery and politically savvy - who accused him of being too conservative, too unwilling to rock the boat to advance the Aboriginal cause.

It was really a difference more of means than ends. Bonner's manner reflected the era of his upbringing in the 1920s and 1930s, one of paternal racism in Australia when official policy was to assimilate Aborigines as far as possible into the then predominantly Anglo-Celtic society in the belief that their own customs and culture would eventually disappear. On the vast cattle and sheep properties of the outback, Aborigines were "looked after" by white farmers who gave them jobs as stockmen in return for their keep; and in towns and cities, people took in Aboriginal women as domestics for whatever they cared

to pay them. When Bonner attended a constitutional convention in Canherra a year ago, on the question of Australia's becoming a republic, he did so as a committed monarchist. All four other Aboriginal delegates called for a republic. To them, the British monarchy was a symbol not of freedom but of the start of a long, sad road of dispossession ever since Captain Arthur Phillip raised the Union flag on the shores of what is now Sydney in 1788. Bonner saw it differently. Would becoming a republic really make a difference to the lot of black Australians; he

asked. No, he said, it would not. "I cannot see how it will resolve the tics, the Liberal Party in Queensland, the

Neville Bonner



Bonner celebrating with a boomerang his becoming the first Aborigine in Australia's federal Parliament

troubles us ... Fellow Australians, what is most hurtful is that after all we bave learned together, after subjugating us and then freeing us, once again you are telling us that you know better. How dare you? How dare you?"

In his 76th year, and already battling the lung cancer that killed him a year later, Bonner the passionate advocate had come a long way from the more humble man of earlier years.

His mother, Julia Bell, was an Aborigine, his father, Henry Bonner, an Englishman. Neville Bonner was fostered as

question of land and access to land that most conservative of all that party's branches, was happy to accept him in 1967 as a token black member or, as the party itself put it, "the first coloured member". In 1971, the Liberals appointed Bonner to fill a Queensland vacancy for the Senate, a federal bouse elected on a state-by-state basis.

At first Bonner toed the Liberal Party line on the big issues of the day. He did not speak out against the Vietnam war, nor did he support younger Aboriginal activists who modelled themselves on the American Black Power militants. But Bonner's Aboriginality a child, and went out working cutting eventually drove him to take a more rad-

'The life of my beloved husband, from his birth in that "blacks' camp" to the rank of senator in the national parliament, is a splendid example of Australia's democracy

in rural Australia then, and sometimes even now. The Australian army declined to accept him when he tried to join up in 1940. The European climate was not suitable for Aborigines, they told him. Working in the bush, he suffered the indignity of eating and sleeping separately from the white stockmen. Such experiences

awakened in him the need for change. Yet he was conservative by nature, and, when he was later drawn to poli-

scrub and mustering cattle. Discrimi- ical stand on indigenous rights. He put nation dogged him, as it did any black a motion to parliament calling on it to recognise that Aborigines were the

prior owners of Australia. That simple proposition was indeed radical, and threatening, in 1974. But in 1999 there is widespread public support for the same proposition to be written into the Australian constitution. It may be included in a forthcoming referendum

on constitutional change to a republic. By 1983, Bonner had stepped too far out of line as far as the Liberals were concerned. They dropped him to num-

ber three place on their Senate ticket for that year's election, ensuring his defeat. He ran as an independent and lost. "Neville felt rejected by the tribe be had chosen," said Peter Beattie, now Labor Party premier of Queensland, referring to the Liberals' dumping of Bonner. Bob Hawke, elected Labor prime minister in 1983, appointed Bonner to the board of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. He was awarded the Order of Australia the following year.

Last month, he was too ill to attend ceremony in Brisbane where the state Labor government named an office block after him. His second wife, Heather, spoke for him: "The life of my beloved husband, from his hirth in that blacks' camp as it was so cruelly called, to the rank of senator of Queensland in the national parliament - he had only \$5 in his pocket - is a splendid example of Australia's democracy."

Bonner always wanted the mainstream political parties to adopt more Aborigines as candidates, but they have been slow to do so. It is fitting that, in the year of Bonner's death, Aden Ridge way will take his seat in the Senate in July, the second Aborigine to make it to federal parliament. It is even more fitting that Ridgeway, from New South Wales, got there by beating a candidate from Pauline Hanson's party.

ROBERT MILLIKEN

Neville Thomas Bonner, politician: born Ukerebagh Island, New South Wales 28 March 1922: member of the Australian Senate 1971-83; AO 1984; twice married (five sons); died Ipswich, Queensland 5 February 1999.

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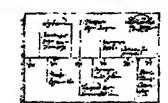
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HISTORICAL NOTES

DAVID CRACKANTHORPE

The monumental avenues of Nîmes

THE LOCAL forms of the Maquis proceeded less Resistance in France were as various as the scenery and the people themselves. There were two necessary conditions - a terrain apt for refuge, and support among the population. Daring exploits were carried out in towns, but Maquis groups working from forests and hills could do more damage. And they depended for sup-

plies on the rural community. In the Cevennes and the hinterland of Nimes both conditions existed. A land of steep valleys covered in untamed forest: remote farmhouses at the end of rough tracks: main roads winding slowly into the Massif Central, readily blocked or ambushed. And a population with a tradition of resistance to tyranny. Nimes is the historical centre of French Protestantism in the south: the hills were the refuge of the armies of the humble wbo beld to the reformed faith after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, defying the dragoons of the king. Inscribed on their emblematic shield was the word Résistez - resistance was in

the bones of the people. Political in-fighting within the Resistance was endemic from the time the Communists began to join, after Hitler's invasion of Russla in 1941, and organised infiltration of the movement and the Committees of Liberation was put on foot. But some of the Communist-dominated

scientifically. Between 17 and 27 Au-

gust 1944, the German forces streamed along the roads of the Languedoc towards the Rhone valley and the north, attacked on their way by Maquis on the ground and the RAF from the air. In the night of 24 August the German garrison of Nimes stole away leaving the town to itself. The Maquis of the railwaymen, getting wind of this in the Cévennes foothills, piled into a goods train and drove it into town with the dawn. They set up headquarters in the chief hotel, took over the local press, in which they announced themselves as "the occupying forces of the town of Nimes", and raided the vaults of the Bank of France, to the tune of 250 million francs. "Who among the simple citizens of Nimes at the time could doubt," asks Jacques-Augustin Bailly in La Libération confisquée. "that the Communists were

dominate local politics. Out in the country, the other Maguis fought the retreating armies, with heavy losses on both sides. The Maquis were armed mainly by parachutages carried out by the RAF in favour of groups whose politics were approved. These did not include the Communists. The

the victors of the war and that

ficing some of the Maquis under their influence, inducing them to expose themselves to attack by ostentatious exercises and clearing of supposed landing grounds in the forests, as part of the campaign to make the enemy believe an invasion was imminent along the Languedoc coast. In the reign of Queen Anne the Huguenots waited vainly in their hills for

have been accused of sacri-

sight of English sail in the Golfe du Lion. The most britliant of all the Maguis groups - Bir Hakeim - was massa cred on 27 May, any wounded survivors being tortured before their execution. Horrors multiplied in town and country as the end ap-

proached. In the hideous cells of the Milice in Nimes was found a wooden box filled with drawn toe- and fingernails. In the interim before the establishment of the new government, ferocious and some say indiscriminate vengeance swept through towns and villages.

theirs was the camp to The trees along the avjoin?" For many years after enues of Nimes where capthe war, they continued to tured resistants were hanged long survived as monuments; today, many of them are scheduled for felling and replacement in time for the millennium. The story of the Resistance, as the last survivors fade away, will never be fully told.

David Crackanthorpe is the nuthor of 'Stolen Marches' British intelligence services

Use of confidential material by sentencer

THE COURT of Appeal gave guidance as to the proper manner in which a sentencing judge should deal with confidential material pnt before him about a defendant who had given assistance to the police.

Gordon Ross (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for the appellant; Campaspe Lloyd-Jacob (CPS) for the Crown.

Mr Justice Hnghes said that in the present case the judge had heen presented with a written confidential report made by a police officer indicating that the defendant had given information to the police. Counsel for the Crown had been instructed to make an ex parte public interest immunity application in chambers as to wbether the document should be shown to the defendant. The judge had indicated that it was not his practice to show such a document to the defence. The judge had then refused a request by the defence to see the document to

It was convenient to remember that a confidential report indicating that a defendant had given information to the police, although supplied to the judge by a police officer, was supplied at the request of the defendant. A defendant's unsupported assertion to the effect that he had given assistance to the police was not normally likely to be a reliable basis for mitigation.

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upon the greatest possible care being taken in compiling such

TUESDAY LAW REPORT

9 FEBRUARY 1999

R v X; Court of Appeal, Criminal Division

(Lord Justice Rose, Vice-President, Mr Hughes and Judge Stephens QC) 1 February 1999

investigation if police enquiries were not to be damaged or compromised, or other suspects, guilty or innocent, to be affected.

Except in very unusual circumstances it would be neither necessary nor desirable that such a document should contain the kind of details which would attract a public interest immunity application. If, exceptionally, the document did contain such information, the usual rules about the conduct of public interest immunity applications, and in particular the Crown Court (Criminal Proceedings and Investigation Act 1996) (Disclosure) Rules 1997 would apply.

Absent any consideration of public interest immunity, such a document should be shown to counsel for the defence, who would on doubt discuss its contents with the defendant. It It followed, therefore, that should be emphasised that that the courts relied very heavily was not because it would he necessary to debate its contents, but so that there should a report, since the judge would be no room for any unfounded

been told something potentially adverse to the defendant without his knowledge. On general principles, a defendant was entitled to see documents put before the trial judge on the question of sentence, and expeditions to the judge's chambers should not be necessary in such cases.

If the defendant wished to disagree with the contents of the document, it was not appropriate for cross-examination of the policeman to take place. whether in court or in chambers. The policeman was not a Crown witness, but had simply suppbed material for the judge at the defendant's request. It would no doubt be possible in an appropriate case for a defendant to ask for an adjournment for further consideration to be given to the preparation of documents; otherwise, if the defendant did ont accept what the document said, his remedy was not to rely on it. Further, crossexamination of the police offieer would almost invariably be

contrary to the public interest. No doubt the judge should ordinarily disregard such a document if asked by the defendant to dn so, although in such a case he would no doubt not then be minded to entertain any submission that the defendant had given valuable

assistance to the police. If the judge did take the document into consideration he would doubtless say no more than that, in accordance with present practice, he had taken into consideration all the information about the defendant with which he had been provided.

KATE O'HANLON, Barrister

Horse Guards, 11am.

Mounted Regiment mounts

the Queen's Life Guard at

LUNCHEONS Mid-Atlantic Clnh / **English-Speaking Union** Mr Klaus-Peter Klaiber. Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Nato, was guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon held yesterday by the Mid-Atlantic Club at the English-Speaking Union, London W1. He spoke on "Nato at 50: where do we go from here?" Mr Alan Lee Williams, Director, Atlantic Council, was in the chair.

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body for the loan of a New York apartment, which "gave me the chance to live and work at the heart of Woody Allen's milieu". Uh? Not only does be relocate the Carlyle hut describes that splendid singer and pianist Bobby Short as "chub-

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CHRISTOPHER HAWTREE anhedonia, n.

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GAZETTE

BIRTHS. **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

DEATHS

DUNSANY: Lt. Col Randal, Lord Dunsany, of Co Meath, on 6 Feb-ruary 1999 peacefully aged 92 years. Much-loved husband of Sheila and father of Edward and Beatrice Plunkett. Funeral pri-vate. Memorial service in Dublin at a later date.

HANDLEY: Roger Artist, hus-band of Susannah. Born in Belfast, died on 4 February 1999 in Brighton. "I feel it in my heart in Brighton. "I feel it in my heart and in my bones plucking my heartstrings, those harpstrings play a sad lament, And the big boats sail no more, along the Lagan shore, no more fog horn whistles blow" - Roger Handley, 1998. Commemorative Service at St Margaret's Church. The Green, Rottingdean, Bast Sussex, on Wednesday 10 February at 4.30pm. Flowers may be sent to Christopher Stringer Funeral Services, 67 High Street, Rottingdean. Telephone: 01273 306000.

MORTON: Charles William
Hearne. Suddenly on 5 February,
aged 73. Much-loved husband of
Ann. faither of Thomas. Guy,
Jonathan and Crispin and devoted grandfather. Family funeral at
St Heleo's Church, Brant
Broughton, on Thursday 11 February at 11am. Memorial service
in Southwell Minster on Tuesday
2 March at 2.50pm. Donations if
wished to the British Heart
Foundation. MORTON: Charles William

Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS are charged at £6.50 a line (VAT extra).

BIRTHDAYS

and ceramic sculptor, 72; Mr Ryland Davies, operatic Barbara Ducat-Amos, former Matron-in-Chief, RAF Nursing Service, 78; Miss lic, 73; Mr Paul Flynn MP, 64; Mr Bernard Gallacher, golfer, 50; Mr Robert Gordon, ambassador to Burma (Union of Myanmar), 47; Miss Kathryn Grayson, actress and singer, 77; Dr Sir Robert Johnson, High den Phillips, Permanent no, 33; Professor Michael Sterling, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Brunel University, 53; Miss Janet Suzman, actress, 60; Mr Clive Swift, actor, 63; Lord

Births: Daniel Bernoulli,

Mr Norman Adams, painter

tenor, 56; Air Commandant Mia Farrow, actress, 54; Dr Garret FitzGerald, former Prime Minister, Irisb Repub-George Guest, organist, 75; Court judge, 66; Miss Carole King, singer and songwriter, 57; Mr Sandy Lyle, golfer, 41; Sir Donald Miller, former chairman, Scottish Power, 72: Dame Annette Penhaligon, local councillor, 53; Sir Hay-Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department, 56; Miss Amanda Roocroft, operatic sopra-Williams of Elvel, 66.

ANNIVERSARIES

mathematician, 1700; Antho-

ny Hope (Sir Anthony Hope Hawkins), novelist, 1863; Mrs Patrick Campbell (née Beatrice Stella Tanner), actress, 1865; Amy Lowell, poet, 1874; Alban Maria Johannes Berg, composer, 1885; Ronald Colman, actor, 1891; Brendan

Behan, playwright, 1923. Deaths: Nevil Maskelyne, astronomer royal, 1811; Francis Danby, painter, 1861; Feodor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky, novelist, 1881; Sir Frederic Truby King, mothercraft specialist, 1938; Elizabeth Mary Russell (Beauchamp), Countess Russell ("Elizabeth"), novelist, 1941; George Norman Douglas, novelist and essayist. 1952; Alexandre Nikolayevich Benois, painter and theatre designer, 1960; Sergei Vladimirovich Ilyushin, aircraft designer, 1977; Bill Haley (William John Clifton Haley), rock musician, 1981; Yuri Vladimirovich Andropov, Russian leader, 1984.

On this day: Bishop John Hooper, burned at the stake for heresy 1555; Burke and Wills, Australian explorers, reached the estuary of the Flinders river, 1861: Verdi's opera Folstoff was first performed, Milan, 1893; Sybil Thorndike made her London debut in The Marquis, 1908; the British Military Service Act (conscription) came into force, 1916; the Balkan

Romania, Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey at Athens, 1934: soap rationing began in Britain, 1942; The Threepen The Princess Royal, Patron, the Basic Skills Agency, attends the British Council ny Opera had its first London performance, 1956; a terrible blizzard raged in the International Seminar at the United States, killing 64 peo-Strand Palace Hotel, London

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ple, 1969; the first trial flight of the Boeing 747 jumbo jet took place, 1969; due to a month-long miners' strike. the British government declared a state of emergency, 1972; Lithuania voted to secede from the Soviet Union, 1991. Today is the Feast Day of St

Alto, St Ansbert, St Apollonia, St Nicephorus of Antioch, St Sabinus of Canosa and St Teilo.

LECTURES

National Gallery: Kathleen Adler, "Monet (ii): Monet and Impressionism", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Miranda Neave, "English Goldsmiths: Paul de Lamerie", 2pm. British Museum: Marjorie Caygill, "Architects and Antiquities: the British Museum building", 11.30am. Royal Society of Arts (al Leeds University): Clare Short MR "The UK Development Assistance Programme", 5.30pm (telephone 0113 233 6705 for tickets).

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'We are bored together. A plan for the We fight together'

France is beating its breast over the latest outbreaks of violent racism among its youth. But down in the banlieues, kids of all colours are only fighting to get out. By John Lichfield

gang of youths crossed the street in single file ahead of us. They were black, brown and white, aged between 14 and 17. They were the teenage uniform of the French banlieues (suburbs), which is the same as the teenage uniform of British and American inner cities: baggy combat trousers, sweat shirts, forage caps, unlaced designer trainers.

Thirty years ago Fontenay-sous-Bois was a village. It is now a part grim, part teafy, tower-block-strewn suburb east of Paris, half-way between Notre Dame and Disneyland.

Amar, my companion, driving a large, battered car, swerved as if to to run the kids down and only just missed them. The youths looked startled, then aggressive, but, seeing Amar at the wheel, broke into grins. Amar is a youth worker and manager of several local youth soccer teams. The young men queued up calmly and patiently to shake his hand through the driver's window and then, one by one, leant across to the passenger seat to shake hands with me, a stranger "Bonjour monsieur," each said politely.

These kids, Amar explained, are the hard core of the local voyous (thugs) in Fontenay-sous-Bois. They have a cache of arms hidden somewhere in the tall flats - Uzis, revolvers, chain-saws - almost enough fire-power to invade Luxembourg. Each Saturday they go to a mall in a nearby town and, swarming through the sbops, steal what they can - clothes, cameras, records - to keep or sell. On Saturday nights, they have pitched fist-fights with gangs from nelghbouring cités (housing estates) and other suburbs and, sometimes, with the police.

These are the same kids - or at least the same kind of kids - who caused mayhem on the Champs Elysées at the start of the World Cup last year and who turned a peaceful demonstration by French sixthformers into a riot last October. They are the same kids who have rightly or wrongly - been dominating the political agenda in France for the last three weeks.

We met some of them later, hanging around the lift shaft of a block of flats. Once again, there were ritual handshakes all round. The kids were an extraordinary racial mixture - North African, white, black, Turkish, Yugoslav - but formally polite and relatively articulate; in other words extremely French. It is impossible to imagioe equivalent British or American teeoagers shaking hands with strangers.

Mimoun, 17, stocky and bespectacled, built like the pit-bull puppy he had on a piece of string, talked calmly, almost proudly about their life. "Here, there is nothing. The schools are shit. Even if we study, there are no jobs for us. So we steal, Why not? How else are we going to get the cash to buy things, to live?"

I asked about the racial mixture in the group. Are there racial tensions in the bankeues? "Yes. We are racist. We hate the kids from the other suburbs. Here, between the kids who live here, there is no problem of race Bears (youths of Arab erigin), whites, blacks; we get on fine This is our cite. We hang out



If you live in a place like this you either give up and decide you have no future, or you make something of yourself' Gilles Crampes

together. We fight together. We are bored together.

"Him," he pointed to one of his friends, "He is Russian." No, the kid objected, Yugoslav, Mimoun shrugged. And what race are the kids they hate from the other banlieues? He grinned. "The same as us. All kinds. White, brown, black ... For the last three weeks, France

has been going through one of its periodic bouts of bysterical handwringing and breast-beating about the violent youth of its inner suburbs -broadly the equivalent socially and demographically of inner cities of Britain and the US (except in one crucial respect: the rainbow racial mixture). The pink-red-green coalition government of Lionel Jospin has been sharply divided between those, like the interior minister. Jean-Pierre Chevenement, who wanted more repression, more police and tougher sentences and those who wanted more hope, better schools and more teachers. Jospin decided, in classical Jospin

fashion, to try to do both. Both policies are probably justified. There is much that is wrong, and scary, about the French bonlieues. And yet, and yet, .. The depth of French anguisb on the subject is mystifying. The problems are no worse than those of other countries; in some respects they are tess threatening. French press commentary and reporting is deeply misleading. In the right-wing press. especially in the comment and letters page of Le Figaro, there is a running theme: France faces a kind of intifada: a racial and religious revoit by the dark-skinned hordes bevond the Boulevard Péripherique. Even the Interior Minister, Mr Chevenement, who should know

better, spoke of a "hate culture".

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A letter to Le Figaro last week summed up this atmosphere of paranoia. Dr Pierre Quintin, of Cannes, wrote: "The French, in their cities, are now being slowly surrounded by a circle of fire and a wall, cemented with ethnic, social and - worst of all - religious hatred."

By my observation, this is an utterly false picture of the banlieues. Over the last six weeks, I have been making regular trips, 20 minutes from Paris by train, to talk to young people in Fontenay-sous-Bois, a typical town in the inner ring of suburbs. In that time I've met scores of

Yes, we are racist. We hate the kids from the other suburbs. Here, there is no problem of race'

teenagers, sometimes with Amar as a guide, sometimes without. Some, like Mimoun's gang, are irretrievably antisocial, or rather asocial. One 15-year-old child - and be was a child - proudly described how be had attacked an intruder from another banlieue with a chain-saw. But these kids - a violent minority, not the majority - are unaware and uncaring about anything beyond the boundaries of their limited lives. None had any sense of being involved in a religious or social or racial war. The horizon of their knowledge and ambition was the booty in the mall in the next town.

I also met many kids from the same age-groups, tower blocks, ethnic backgrounds, schools and football teams who wanted to make something of their lives, who were not intimidated by the high local rates of youth unemployment, who had no sense of anger or hatred towards mainstream France (apart from the universally detested police). Christophe Son, 22, the son of Senegalese parents, plays in a three-man, rap group - two blacks and one white. "If you live in a place like this you have a choice," he said. "You give up and decide you have no future and you hang out with the kids by the lift shaft. Or you fight to get out, to make something of yourself. Sport and music are the two routes most people choose. That is the side of the banlieue you never see on TV or in the newspapers. Cul- abandoned to their fate by dysturally, this place is alive, more

There was a 27 per ceot increase in tuvenile crime in France last year - which in fact represents problem there certainly is. The rate of juvenile crime has increased by 80 per cent in 10 years, partly because the number of juveniles has steeply increased. The absolute figures are broadly in line with those in other European countries, somewhat lower than those in Britain, far behind the US. Compared to America and Britain, serious violent crime by teenagers - murders, shootings, serious woundings - is relatively uncommon. Mimoun and his friends have guns, but do not

alive than Paris."

ican inner-city teenagers do. The reason why the French problem is a suburban problem rather than an inner-city one is worth recalling (something Le Figuro never doest. In the Seventies and Eight-

carry them permanently, as Amer-

cities, pursued a deliberate policy of driving poorer whites and immigrants into tower blocks in the suburbs. There they joined another army of people, rehoused from the shanty towns that surrounded Paris in the Fifties and Sixties. Hence the extraordinarily rapid urbanisation of places like Fontenay-sous-Bois, where balf the tower blocks belong not to the local council but to the city of Paris. Hence also the lack of ethnic divisions on the British and US model: racial ghettoes have not. had time to arise.

My guide, Amar Oussaid, 32, himself an offender in his youth, does not minimise the problem of violence in the bordieue: the kids functional families, the sense of impunity, the rejection - by some -of all authority and ambition. He worries especially about the incivility, as he calls it, of a foul-mouthed 10-13a slowing of the problem, though a year-old generation who seem to be out of everyone's control. "But my problem is with the way

the banlieues are relentlessly presented in the French media. There is rarely a mention of the other side of the story, the tens of thousands of kids who have taken up formal sport, mostly soccer and boxing, since they saw one of their own, Zinedine Zidane, win the World Cup for France. Or the kids who come to my youth club who want to be lawyers, architects, engineers, rap stars. Worst of all, there is this obsession with the banlieue as a boiling pot of racial hatred. There are some places, more racially segregated than this, where race may be a problem. But for the most part it is oot, except, it seems, for the police. France should be grateful that ies, Paris, under the mayorship of is so. Otherwise, you'd have a situ-Jacques Chirac, copied by other ation that would be truly explosive."

real world

What exactly is everybody getting a degree for? By Cayte Williams

THESE DAYS, everyone's got a degree. Put a non-vocational bonours qualification on your CV and any prospective employer will just assume you've been living it up for three years and now you're drowning in debt. It's hardly impressive.

Which is why most of these students have taken up vocational degrees, or at least have a clear idea of what they want to do when they leave university. Dani wants to work as an environmental biologist; Ian is planning on being an air traffic controller; Robbie is interested in the City; Alistair and Dave hope to be more entrepreneurial. Only Rachael, Tasha and Rosie seem less sure

of their future. Rachael, who's studying art history, doesn't have a definite career plan in mind. Her approach is more fluid than that of some of the boys in ber bouse. "When you're at college you can try out different things that you wouldn't necessarily have the time to do if you were working. I'm thinking of going to inging lessons with Leona, Tasha and Rosie, and I've just got a job with Pop, the student magazine, doing fashion illustration."

But she doesn't want to be an illustrator when she leaves college, "I want to find something I really am going to enjoy," she continues, "That means you can't just sit around watching TV all day."

This is a far cry from the Rachael whose plans for putting a band together were put on hold, while she sat about for four months doing nothing but

Conversely, Ian is far more organised about his career and isn't leaving anything to chance. "I am somebody who likes to plan ahead," be says. "I'm doing geography, because it was the course most relevant to what I want to do, which is air traffic control I reckon employers will want experience in team work and management skills."

lan is a no-nonsense lad who can't understand wishy-washy people who make arbitrary choices for their degrees. "I'm

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an odd case," be says. "I've asked lots of people wby they are at university and they don't know. I find it quite disconcerting." Today they've got no excuse: Ucas offers courses in everything from psychology to boxing studies.

My management course teaches you how to market things, and how the economy works," Dave says. "We're also taught to work well in groups. I suppose I really came to college just to improve my social skills in management, one of the most important attributes is the ability to communicate well."

So has it worked? Well, Dave has developed from a painfully shy boy from Sunderland to an extrovert of epic proportions. "I've met such a vast diversity of people," he explains. "I had a nice breakthrough in the first year, when I moved into a really cool flat with group of three lads and we all had a good laugh."

But isn't the real motivation for studying management just a basic desire to make money? "It's not the money that motivates me to do the promotions," argues Dave. "It's really all about building up experience. I used to want money so that I could have a big house and a flash car. These days, I don't think that's so important. If I had money now, I would go travelling and expand my mind. That's what it's all



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32. MALE TOILETRIES BY OLIVER BENNETT

AT LAST men are discovering the joys of vanity. In the sweaty locker-room of contemporary masculinity. unguents are acceptable and potions permitted. A teenage son tweaking in front of the mirror no looger makes parents break down and cry: "Where did we go wrong?"
Strange to recall, then, that it was once even problematic

to be found to be wearing moisturiser. At best a lard-like smear of E45 was allowed, and even that had to be connected with some manly endeavour like a motorbike ride in the rain. Lip salve and eye gel ~ you kept those firmly behind closed doors. Deodorant was dodgy. Even contact lenses, which I wore as a shortsighted young man, were con-

sidered unbloke-like. Of course, beauty products age-defying, free-radical phoney science. But it is a buman need to renew oneself



that means you, mate

even among the most antediluvian corners of male society to scuff, floss, buff and The puritanical disdain for many years in straight-male exfoliation, deodorisation, treat is it that betero-geezer

I think the explanation could be more prosaic: that the manufacturers have found a new gravy train, and men are jumping on board. And why not? One day, we will look back on our former indifference to appearance as a corruption of masculine identity that did us no favours. The joke is now on those

wbo remain unconcerned about their appearance - for they are the ones who tend to bear those unsightly little details like plaque build-up, broken capillaries, flaky skin around the eyes, visibly waxy earholes, loose bits of nasal hair, blackheads, whiteheads and open pores leaking grease like Mazola. These are the details that can make the difference between wanting to

There remains a paradox. oddly enough - say it is sexy in her appearance, but not a

gunk trade, should not care about our appearances. Or should not be seen to care, my guess is that most women would rather wake up to someone who has their seborrhoea under control, and has changed their briefs in the last decade. We should throw this Rasputin complex out. Women prefer clean men, as long as they are not overnarcissistic and on occasion, have dirty thoughts.

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and potions have been rediscovered as the font that reconstituted that long lost archetype, the male peacock. Helped along by sporting role models, it is common

market an unbelievable raft of bathe before heading out for kiss someone or not. They are old cobblers: all that AHA, a night on the lager and curry. akin to visual bad breath. appearance that beld sway for Some people - often female, using the various agents of body culture is happily in re- for a woman to be interested clarification and so on Lotions is more in touch with his femman. Men, or "hommes" as better quality of life will ensue.

Certainly, some aspects of male vanity are risible, and are nearly always about the pathos of concealment. I

agree that toupees are problematic and that Grecian 2000 is nearly always a mistake. But cleansing, moisturising, lip balms, aromatherapies and even eyebrow trims: these are not about hiding flaws, but enhancing life. They make you feel better about yourself, like choosing to enjoy good food and drink instead of thinking of food as fuel Slobs: tackle that combination panel tomorrow and I guarantee a

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fully daubed troupe of grassskirted girls shuffled into view. We heard the rhythmic itching of rattles, scrapers and wooden slit drums; there were invocations, proverbs and moral dilemmas; social and familial issues - all shouted, stamped or danced with such ferocious from the Hail's foyers to the energy that the hall soon filled auditorium, and Polyphony with a pungent, sweaty odour. Ekonda brought us a hot-blooded sequence of music from the

swaying, langhing and stampbehind glass doors.

When Polyphony Ekonda took their last bow and we towelled off after a brief interval, Kent Nagano and the London Philharmonic brought us a rather more "polite" musical commentary on community relations: Aaron Copland's orderly celebration of a 19thcentury Pennsylvanian country wedding. The juxtaposition beious Mass for Our Lady.

After a second interval, Nagano and the Philharmonic returned in force for the evening's dramatic denouement and Stravinsky's "scenes from Pagan Russia", his ballet

ther we ventured into "The Adoration of the Earth", the faster and tighter it became "The Sacrifice" was better still especially the humid introduction and the frenetic final dance. Parallels with Polyphony Ekonda, with tribal stamping rhythms and an implied eroticism, were less obvious than the contrast between tribal joy and handcrafted revolution, In 1913, The Rite caused a riot, though nowadays its violent gestures seem small beer in comparison with some of the works that came after it. Maybe that's because, ultimately, revolutions mean far less than roots.

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CHRIS HONER, directing a major Brecht play for the third consecutive year, dissents from the implications of the famous Brecht "alienation effect". In the excellent programme, he reprints the impeccably Bert Brecht poem, "Speech to Danish working-class actors on the art of observation", which insists not on type and role, but on particularity: "There is the man who is paying his taxes; he is not like; Every man who pays taxes." Honer wants to show all Brecht's characters as individuals, and is not afraid to claim that an audience should be emotionally involved in his plays.

Unlike his earlier, superb Galilco. this play presents problems. True, in the peasant girl Grusha, who neglects self-interest to save the baby abandoned by the clothescrazed Governor's Wife as she flees an insurgency, and Azdak, the village shyster catapulted into the chair of District Judge, the play has two of Brecht's characters who most exceed depersonalised function. Azdak's character cannot be confined within such hounds - it is a variable no structure can anticipate. But we wait half the play for Azdak. and meanwhile Grusha's perilous flight, pursued by the Ironshirts, is composed of instructive episodes and a series of minor characters.

It is here that Brecht's "speech" is most to be heeded, but unfortunately hardly any accurate observation is in evidence that would individualise the characters. The production is caught between stylisation and realistic vignette, and is consequently confusing. Michael Pavelka's designs add to this. Predominantly white and, in Ace McCarron's decisive shafts of sidelighting, so striking against the dark background, the costumes mix peasant layering and kabuki voluminousness in a way that makes the actors seem cumbersome, and the stage cluttered. The essential lightoess and speed are, so far, lacking (I saw a preview).

Yet Kati Williamson's clear Grusha is consistently involving, and Rachel Smith's screeching and fluttering as the Governor's Wife Fielder, as the anarchic Azdak, forever nursing a dog-end in his palm, scuttles over the stage like a demented but unkillable tarantula.

Fourteen actors and two musicians for Brecht in these times seem untold riches, and Chris Honer's pertinacity and vision are admirable. But in the usual four weeks' rehearsal, even he cannot bring a company through a piece as stylistically demanding as this. JEFFREY WAINWRIGHT

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Africa is where we live

Seydou Keita portrays his fellow Africans as real people. Not as anthropological curiosities. By Jason Oddy

first saw the work of the Malian photographer Seydou Keita five years ago in the prestigious Fondation Cartier in Paris. I remember feeling slightly humbled by his hish and generous black-and-white portraits that lent a rare air of dignity to their African subjects. I remember also wondering why I had never come across any of these remarkable pictures before, none of which had been taken later than 1962.

At the time, I did not realise that Seydou Keita was a latecomer to the world stage. Until the French art historian André Magnin tracked him down in 1991 with the help of three anonymous prints he had seen in an exhibition in New York, Keita was unknown outside West Africa. And even there he had almost sunk into obscurity. His studio where be produced the body of work for which he is now so justly celebrated had, at the prompting of the then socialist government, closed its doors in 1963 when he was appointed official photographer of the new Malian state.

But in the 15 years prior to his conscription, he was constantly in demand. When Magnin first went to meet Keita at his home in Bamako, Mali's creaking capital city, he found the septuagenarian photographer sitting on an archive of some 30,000 negatives from his studio days. Since Keita, working with a 13x18cm plate camera, only took a single shot of most of his subjects, this vast collection is a testament to the phenomenal success he enjoyed during that period.

Earlier this year, with the Barhican's current show Africa by Africa approaching, I decided it was my turn to visit him. His pictures were undoubtedly going to be the exhibition's centrepiece, and I wanted to meet the person behind the work. More precisely, I wanted to find out just how it was he managed to produce such a consistently

telling series of images. It was Ramadan when I turned up at the labyrinthine mud-walled compound where Seydou Keita lives with his extended family. I was greeted by an unaffected and amidently suffering from his month and in front of the lens. In one piclong diurnal fast, still spent the best ture, a woman has brought her art of Iwo not 3 telling me about his life as a por-

trait photographer. By the early Fifties, his reputation had begun to spread right across West Africa. Queues would often form outside his door and he soon developed a system to cope with the volume of business. When you arrived at his studio, you either decided on one of a variety of outfits that he provided. Tacked to the wall were pictures of previous clients in a whole range of poses. You pointed to the one you liked

STRAUSS'S MARSCHALLIN in

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Labours of love: an untitled composition from 1956. Keita (below) has an unerring eye for form and pattern

The whole process could take as little as 10 minutes.

The portraits that emerged were a sort of collaboration between the sitter's fantasy and the photographer's prowess, and they remain a lasting document of Bamako life in the decade-and-a-half before independence. But rather than being a straightforward chronicle of any objective reality, they are, more accurately, a record of a reflective reality. For these photographs show us the way people wish to see able old man who, although evi- themselves, in front of the mirror another, a man stands proudly next to his new bicycle.

It is no coincidence that the majority of Keita's clients were young people. In Fifties Africa. being photographed was itself indicative of a modern sensibility. With independence looming, an emerging generation was looking chose to wear your own clothes or for new post-colonial role models. The apparent desire of many of them to have their pictures taken wearing the latest Western fashions or surrounded by props such as the watches, radios, telephones and

best and Keita would duplicate it. scooters that Keita himself provided, reinforces the impression that during this transitional period in their continent's history, young Africans put their faith in the trappings of a modernity that appeared to be the most promising option for advancing life after European rule.

The candour of these portraits, which expose the aspirations and beliefs of the people who posed in them, is what, when allied to Keita's unerring eye for form and pattern, lends the photographs such power. This knack for combining the ingenuous with the aesthetic arose from the singular relationship that existed between Keita and his cusways saw him doing his utmost to realise their ambitions by "finding the most perfect, flattering poses".

In another context, say Annie Liebowitz's ego-caressing portraits of celebrities, such an approach sheds little light on the inner world of her subjects. But the simple and frank decorative strategies Keita employed during what was such a critical moment in his country's history produced the contrary result.

It cannot have escaped the attention of the organisers of Africa by Africa that the exhibition show-



ing alongside it, Picasso and Photography: The Dark Mirror, contains several pictures of Africans sharp opposition to the work of the of "love". In none of the portraits African photographers on the Barhican's lower level. Take the two postcards by the turn of the century French photographer Edmond Fortier In each, a nearly naked Senegalese girl self-consciously faces the camera. "Girls from the None tribe wear only a vestige of clothing" reads the caption stamped on one of the cards. While such an apparently objective approach might be superficially informative, on closer inspection this attempt to classify the native

populace tells us more about Western prejudices (in this case "All savages are immodest") than it does

within it the germs of a post-colo-

After my second and final meet-

ing with Seydou Keita, I left Bamako

for Djenné, a town my guidebook de-

scribed as "the most satisfying" in

the Sahel. It was a tourist trap. At

hunch one day I sat next to a Ger-

man photographer who spotted a

postcard for sale. "This is one of

mine," he told his companions tri-

umphantly. Once they had left, I

went to inspect it. It was a typical

postcard with two Tuareg tribesmen

walking, backs to the camera, into

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about the people in front of the lens. What is manifestly lacking in these and many other examples of colonial and even the neo-colonial photography of our age, is any genuine relationship between the photographer and his subject. Instead, the camera is a pseudoscientific tool which, in seeking to objectify people, in seeing them as they never see themselves. neglects its fundamental duty - that of allowing any trace of their own subjective reality to emerge.

By contrast, each of Keita's pic-from behind, most probably unon show at the Barbican is there the merest hint of the non-consensual, that hallmark of so much of the intrusive photography that Africa spiritual point of view, he now poshas had to suffer. Rather his work exhibits an opposing tendency, one which I believe is the consequence of an instinctive sympathy between photographer and sitter, itself the result of a shared historical experience which meant that both parties tacitly understood what had to be expressed, namely the assertion of a personal truth that contained

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posed to be aged 32, but the part SCOTTISH OPERA is usually taken by a singer rather further into her years. In fact, there is an accepted progress from the ingénue role of Sophie to the senior part, normally reserved for an estabwhole balance of the action, for lished diva. the opera is chiefly about a The Scottish Opera's Marschallin, Joan Rodgers, is, of course, an established diva. woman who sees her youth slipping away. However, with her slight and

This strain was worsened initially by a conductor, Richard pretty figure she looks like a young girl, and the voice is es-Armstrong, who held the rhythms too tightly corseted. sentially lyric. Given the cus-He relaxed a little as things tomary suspension of disbelief, progressed. The effect was to she would pass excellently as give a special poignancy to the end of Act 1, in which Rodgers Sophie, with, say, Anne Evans as the Marschallin. Casting Rodgers as the older woman

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voice, the bewitching smile that hovered always near her lips, the quiet self-possession. gave the lightest of touches to worried that she might lose control of the stageful of

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dubious characters in Act 3. Indeed, it was a hit of a surprise when this young, pretty thing was able to command the boy Octavian out of the room at the close of Act 1. For this Octavian (Stella Doufexis) was a tall, gallant, fiery character with flashing eyes and a voice that was vibrant and wistfully recalled her teenage comprehensive. It was a totally

years; the soft warmth of the convincing portrayal of the im- ture when Strauss suddenly pulsive young male. on the Marschallin, then Peter

Rose gave a new meaning to you felt for him when he longed for the unsophisticated country life in a Vienna of tricks and conspiracies.

It was impressive how closely these fine principals had worked with the producer, David McVicar. Any producer can get the chorus to group well, but to get soloists to turn their heads away at just the moment when the harmony clouds, or to slow in mid-ges-

imposes a piano, takes real If Rodgers shed a new light authority. McVicar had designed his own set, an elegant room with heavy drapes and candles, and Tanya McCallin provided sumptuously colourcoded costumes.

There were some precious vignettes: Joanna Campion was a snakey Annina, Phyllis Cannan a ludicrously shocked Marianne, and Harry Ward, in the non-singing part of Ochs' bastard Leopold, was a deliciously greasy sloven. There was plenty to admire in this production; even the audience at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow showed some real enthusi-

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The rough with the smooth

ROOTS OF all kinds sprang CLASSICAL healthily to life at the South Bank on Saturday afternoon when the London Philharmonic's admirable "Roots -Classical Fusions" launched RFH. SBC, LONDON ritual-inspired events covering Caribbean, European, Celtic, Aboriginal, Islamic, Asian and Mediterranean cultures, then capped the lot with related Copland, Machaut and Stravinsky. I joined the proceedings at 6pm when the venue shifted

The thumping climax saw the lead girl smile a gleaming set African equatorial rainforest. Spotlights shed a glimmer of of teeth, splay her thighs wide light as voices chattered or and press a hand hard against yelped off-stage and a colour- her crotch. This was ritual in

the raw, but the real rub came sound-frame of Copland's time- few minutes were untidy and when you panned from stage to audience, and pitted the heated and biatant against the formal and goggle-eyed. By rights, we should all have been shouting, ing our feet - not sitting there like white-coated spectators

tween Polyphony Ekonda's from Pagan Russia", his ballet ecstatic pulsing and the neat The Rite of Spring. The first

ful Appalachian Spring hallet suite spoke volumes, though Nagano's performance really came into its own only when the mood relaxed and the players had enough room to breathe. Better by far were the Hilliard Ensemble in collaboration with Kudsi Erguner on Turkish flute, where threads of music from the Meylevi Sufi tradition were woven among (but never within) the individual movements of Guillaume de Machaut's gior-

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Cool, calm, disconnected

Black lines. Luminous colour. Domestic scenes. Patrick Caulfield's pictures are very simple and very strange. By Tom Lubbock

Patrick Caulfield retrospective misses the point, I think. The main point of any Caulfield picture is that it should be the neatest thing in the room. Wherever it hangs, a Caulfield provides its surroundings with a kind of ideal focus; holds up to them a dream-image of clarity and tidiness. It should probably hang in the sort of space that Caulfield's art has made its own: restaurants, foyers, the modern office or apartment. It should hang singly.

And so to hang a Caulfield in an art

gallery; a gallery moreover where all the other objects around it are themselves other pictures by Caulfield - obviously, the effect will be lost. You'll get a total neatness stalemate. Or some of the pictures will even start to look, by comparison, a bit messy.

This is just bad luck. A retrospective is the standard way of honouring an artist of Caulfield's years and achievement. There are nearly four decades of painting on show at the Hayward Gallery, and his name has been famous for most of them. It's bad luck that his pictures aren't designed for their own company.

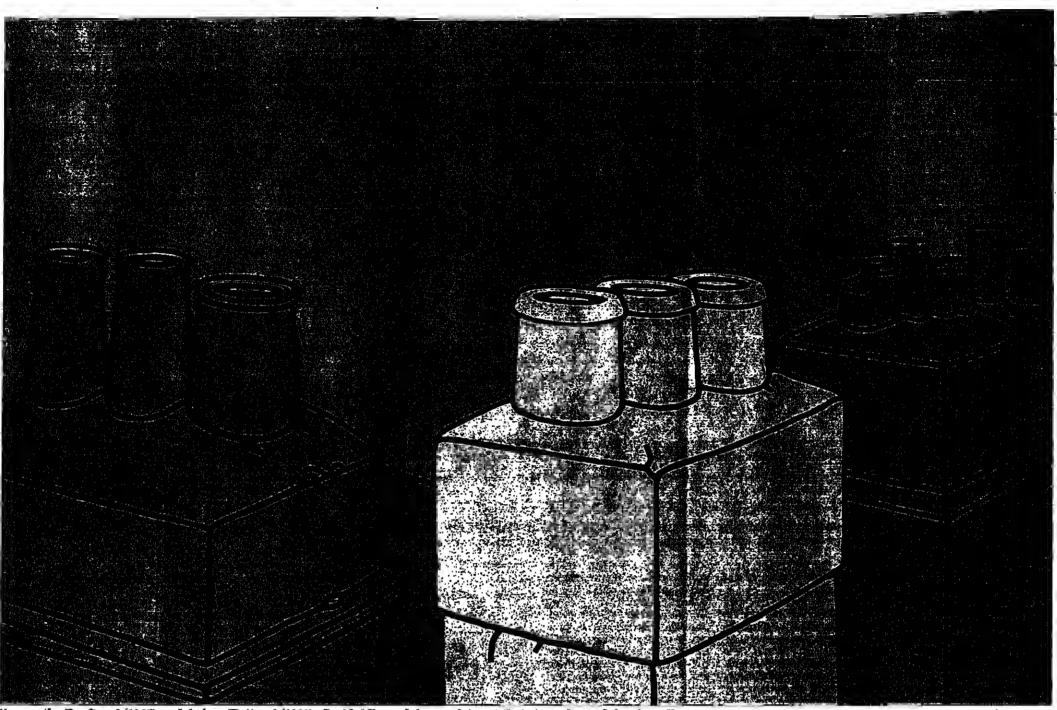
Their un-retrospect-ability needn't reflect badly on them, though. Caulfield's art requires a quasi-domestic, non-art environment to work in - and this is an interesting thing about it. But. of course, that's likely also to mean a privatelyowned environment, theaf through the Hayward's catalogue, and note which pictures are in private hands; those are the Caulfields in proper homes.) So what about public honour? And public access?

Good questions. After all, Caulfield is something of a public favourite, a one-time "pop" artist who really was. In his midtwenties, in the early Sixties, be invented a style that became proverbial. An advert could use it, confident that most people would recognise it, even if they couldn't name its creator. A bit of Leger, a bit of Mondrian, a bit of Minoan fresco and commercial illustration combined to produce the most distinctive British graphic since John Flaxman's neo-Greek outline draw-.ngs two centuries ago. And like Flaxman's plain penmanship, the Caulfield manner wasn't exactly personal.

A thick black line, always of the same, teady thickness, defines each object and letail. It's a style that stresses and isolates hings; or rather, insulates. It's a world nade snug; outline as lagging. It's also a orld made equal. Whatever is described ets identical treatment, and this can ave funny results. Very small and thin nings - a stem, a bit of grit - are themselves.

In fact, the charm of this Sixties style is its perfect insensitivity. It's as if some original plcture - with a wide, various and responsive range of marks - had been put through a programme that recognised only one sort of line. Sometimes Caulfield nakes a pointed joke about what's lost in his translation. In View of the Rooftops, say, or in Bend in the Road, you find some single, separate little squiggles. They're vidently meant to stand for cracks in the 'irickwork, or divots in the ground, and you can see that in a more responsive style that's what they would mean. But here, with their even widths and square ends, they're as blankly non-descript as a road-

sign. They deliberately strain depiction. At the same time, this world of even, definite edges is filled in with floods of



'Across the Rooftops' (1965) and, below, 'Pottery' (1969): Caulfield's work is a variety act that stops short of showing off

even, luminous colour, which always stops clean at the outlines; but often spreads strength is in their smallness, their closeover individual things. In Dining Recess. a whole room with its table and chairs is blocked in with a uniform grey-a scheme lamp (bright warm white) and a window of evening sky (dull violet). So while the outlines stress separate objects, the colour can override this, asserting (contrarily) large units of sameness. This is playful and mysterious. Also, through sheer arrangement of flat colours, Caulfield can introduce not just luminosity but a sense of realistic lighting oddly, as these images are, of course, with-out any directionalised light and shade.

So: a world made clear and strange, formulated, set at a remove, straining at the real. And the best work that Caulfield made in this style, it seems to me, the work that turns its economies to maximum impact, is not a painting, and so not in this retrospective. It's a book-work of 21 screenprints that obliquely illustrate poems by Jules Laforgue. But you hardly need the

croppedness, and that they're a series.

They show a life in cut-off details: a glimpse of sky through parted curtains; a clock; a glass of water oo a window sill. They're details whose very inconsequence Is poignant. They're the kind of minutiae that, in extreme emotion, the mind lights on, latches on to, holds for always - the kitchen tap that will emblematise for ever the first night or the last row. This is the subject Caulfield's detached intensity was made for. You can see a set of these prints in a general retrospective of Caulfield prints at the Alan Cristea Gallery in Cork Street. Or there's another set that's going round the country as a Hayward Gallery Touring Exhibition, and it can be seen at the Howden Park Centre in Livingston, West Loth-

ian, from next week. One thing these Laforgue images do is and slightly tacky accessories, design, answer a question that Caulfield's images and cuisine? What do these objects and often leave begging: why? Why is he so environments mean to him? Are they just interested in this world of contemporary the kind of things he paints? It looks



increasingly like that, just as his paintings as time goes on seem more and more to be ways of - very elegantly, very intelligently - filling up a canvas.

The Caulfield style of the Sixties was, pressed his individual handwriting (though not quite entirely; that was another of its vital tensions). It was certainly very consciously adopted. And for all its seeming uniformity, it was capable of considerable play. So why not adopt a few more styles, and mix them together, and generally up the gamesmanship? That's been

Caulfield's course since the mid-Seventies. He's developed a repertoire of depictive devices and accomplishments. There's outline-less silhouette, and very high-finish photo-realism, and a looser, more impressionistic photo-realism, and exact imitations of patterns and textures (wallpaper, woodgrain), and flat shapes which mean cast shadows, or patches of cast light. or sometimes just an abstract shape. And there's some low relief too. All these things intersect and overlap to create dif-

ferent levels of reality and trompe l'oeil effects and elusively paradoxical spaces.

True, this variety act never becomes stupidly show-off. It's really quite tactful. On the other hand, it doesn't seem very pointding it ha end to keep my eye on them. But they're still as neat as can be, and perhaps the real problem is public exhibition. Seeing them in relation to the surroundings of a more private setting might make all the difference. As for public access, there's a simple answer - posters, large and high-quality reproduction, with wide distribution. Take one home: that's the best retrospective this sort of art could ask for

Patrick Caulfield: Hayward Gallery, South Bank, until 11 April; £6, concs £4. Print Retrospective: Alan Cristea Gallery, 31 Cork Street; tomorrow to 11 March; closed Sat pm and Sun; free. The Poems of Jules Laforgue: Howden Park Centre, Livingston, West Lothian; 18 Feb to 11 March; closed Sun; free. Then touring to Brecon and Taunton

THE INDEPENDENT COLLECTOR

JOHN WINDSOR'S GUIDE TO COLLECTING CONTEMPORARY ART. THIS WEEK: DAVE MORRIS

18 IT a pile of pigs or a heap of aubergines." Are the pointy bits snouts, stalks or nipples? Is there a buttock ur two in there?

Dave Morris's five-foot-tall sculpture in Ancaster freestone evokes what artists these days call a "multiple response". At first glance, it could be any of several different things. The way out of the confusion is to laugh. Many people do. Morris is not in the least offended.

Humour is rare in British sculpture. You can be just as confused by the sculpture of Moore, Hepworth or Caro without getting so much as a titter out of it.

When the giggles subside, the eve focuses nn Morris's voluptuous sags and bulges - the weight distribution (to use a dry term) that occurs whenever nature wraps bulky organisms in sacks so that they can pile themselves in heaps without getting tangled up.

Gravity, his sculpture wittily observes, tends to mould piles of ial pigs or piles of ripe aubergines in the same sinuous way. One squashed on the bottom row wearily drops its snout - or is it its stalk. The one lying on top of it raises itself, as if expecting to have its back scratched. Another nuzzles its stalk ioto its neighbour's soft flank.

The sculpture's title, Body Boat, is little belp in deciphering what the bodies are. But the base is actually a storm-tossed vessel recognisable to those who know Morris's recent work as part of his cargo theme - and the bodies, as a few seconds' investigation will



confirm, are clearly aubergines. Pigs? Breasts? Whatever gave you that idea?

Body Boat is one of three in his "Boat" series, begun last year as he approached 50. Aubergines and chillies in seagoing vessels made their debut only four years ago, in a series of six of his sculptures called "South American Trade".

His work before that, although also concerned with mechanics and loading, was quite different. In the 1980s be used discarded huilders' timber to make heavy, somewhat

threatening yet absurd constructions, such as Walnut Holding Device and Conker Boring Machine - references to the megalomania of Victorian engineers and to the subsequent

decay of heavy industry. He was also inspired by the notebooks of his Uncle Jack, a print compositor whose device to speed the production of biscuits was adopted by Huntley & Paimer in the years before the war.

A couple of years ago, he was making giant "still lifes" from

timber and laminates - English ones with wooden crockery, cutlery and bottles, and Moroccan ones with oversize versions of the sugar hammers typical of that country.

He would be better known, and his ruthless habit of abandoning themes for new ones, instead of consolidating them - and for his devotion to teaching. For the past 10 years he has been subject leader in sculpture at Loughborough University. His current theme of travel and cargo dates back to his early years among the granite hills of Malvern in Worcestershire, his 10mile, twice-daily bus journey to school through the bombed industrial wasteland of Birmingham - and his recurring thought that exotic vegetables could be grown on bomb-sites, under glass, instead of shipped from distant continents.

His boat forms, he says, are metaphors for travel, "whilst the fruit or vegetable forms can be read in the actual or as metaphors for people". So if you thought you saw a nipple, do not feel ashamed.

A retrospective of Morris's work of the past four years is at the Diorama Arts Centre, 34 Osnaburgh Street, London NW1, 22 March-1 April (0171-916 5467/5468). Body Boat' is on show at the Ferrers Centre, Staunton Harold, Ashby De-La Zouch, Leics, to 31 March (01332 865408). Prices: Body Boat' is £2,850; 'Mixed Cargo' £2,750. Works at the Diorama are mostly in the £1,000-£1,800 range

Strictly ballroom

SILVIO WOLF'S installation, The Elsewhere, gives a whole new meaning to the term "site specific": there's not a lot to see here apart from the site. In fact, the Royal Festival Hall Ballroom, which is playing bost to the Italian artist's first solo show in the UK, is completely empty, and if it weren't for a helpful sign on one of the entrance pillars the exhibit might pass you by altogether.

There is a sound-track playing: the sound of children crying, calling out to each other, yelling and squealing in true playground fashion, which rains down on you from the ceiling, as if the children were hovering above you just out of sight. There is also a new. constant light source, specially installed to give a timeless quality by denying the changing times of day outside. But apart from these two elements the Ballroom is unaltered.

"I'm fascinated by the personality that a specific place is capable of expressing, and I'm increasingly obsessed by the need to establish a symbolic relationship with such a place," explains Wolf, who lives and works in Milan. The recording of the children'a voices was originally made for an art space in Milan that was once a refectory in the city's 18th-century orphanage

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The Elsewhere

traces and memory of the place, but with giving a new form, life and presence to the vanished community of girls who lived there," he says.

A series of beroused-looking, dark-suited men wandered into the middle installation while I was there. stared at the ceiling as if that beld all the answers and then beat a hasty retreat, each and every one looking distinctly uncomfortable. But then, a walk around the exhibit is slightly unnerving, surrounded as it is "I wasn't just interested in on three sides by the bar area, giving evidence to the lost the customers of which stare

entertainment before them. The space is vast, its towering white pillars calling to mind the impressive height and scale of those in Egyptian temples, its emptiness and noise accentuated by the subdued, adult presence of those

clustered around its edges. Fortunately, there is an accompanying CD-Rom, being presented as an artwork in its own right, which does flesh out the rather bare bones of the exhibit. At the click of a mouse, you can access information about the RFH and the artist, which includes his biography and examples of his previous works, and you can navigate the installation itself in true playground fashion.

The constant light and looped sound of The Elsewhere, however, is exhausting after a while. Twenty-four bours of this drip of constant noise would surely send you mad, particularly as the calm, empty setting should be silent and peaceful. And does this treatment of the Ballroom mean that all spaces are potential works of art? If that's the case, a reconstruction of my living-room, with an accompanying tape of all the arguments of the successive neighbours who have lived in the flat upstairs, would count. After all, as Wolf argues, "the place becomes

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HEALTH

The red rash of romantics



Scarlet fever used to be a killer. Today it is easily treated, but a recent outbreak surprised one family. By Lizzie Enfield

my two-year-old daughter and I were both struck down with what I thought was a particularly nasty bout of flu. Alarmed by Christina's temperature and the fact that she was refusing to eat or drink, my husband called the doctor. She was suitably impressed by the child's declining health and, since she was in the house, agreed to have a quick look at me. I was fully expecting to be told to get up and tend to my ailing daughter (like a proper mother), but instead was told to stay put as I was suffering from scarlet fever.

I must admit to having been secretly pleased that I had a genuine reason for feeling utterly lousy, though somewhat alarmed to have succumbed to a disease which, as far as I was concerned, had all but died out and affected only small children. While we stayed in bed and watched the Christmas schedule of black-and-white movies (in which the beroines tended to die of scarlet fever), I learnt that there had been an outbreak of the disease in Sussex, with 14 cases reported in the Brighton and Hove area within a month, compared to just one case in the

in communicable disease control, says that such a rise is not unusual but does give some cause for concern. "The disease is cyclical so numbers tend to go up and down. The danger with scarlet fever is that, because its early symptoms are similar to a sore throat, doctors may not prescribe antibiotics on the neck, chest and back, and may immediately, and if it isn't treated there can spread to the rest of the body. It results from be severe complications."

The earliest historical record of a scarlet fever outbreak was made in 1543 in Sicily. sorbed by the blood and, if not treated, can A century later, on 10 November 1664, Samuel Pepys wrote in his diary: "my little girlie Susan is fallen sick of the meazles, we fear, or, at least, of a scarlett fever." Whether there had been earlier outbreaks of the dis-ease is not known, but it continued to occur the skin, especially on the hands and feet. in Europe and North America, cropping up frequently in literature.

One of my childhood heroines, Beth in Little Women, caught scarlet fever and, though she survived the incident, she was the disease in the Thirties. At that time, scarso weakened by the disease that she never let fever was dreaded because cases

few weeks before Christmas fully recovered. As a rather bookish child I always quite liked the idea of being struck down with what I considered to be a "romantic" disease but, having suffered an apparently mild dose of scarlet fever, it's an experience I'm not anxious to repeat.

Characterised by a sore throat, a high temperature and a rough red rash, scarlet fever is far less common and less threatening than it used to be. In the 19th century it was still widespread and dangerous, especially among small children. In the 1860s, the mortality rate from scarlet fever was 972 per million of population. Nowadays there are virtually no fatal cases, but about 4,000 to 5,000 people a year contract the disease in England and Wales.

It is caused by a type of streptococcus (bacterium) that also causes sore throats, swollen glands, ear infections and tonsillitis. Scarlet fever is just one form that a streptococcus infection can take. According to Dr Julius Weinberg, consultant epidemiologist for the Public Health Laboratory, the bacteria are common and many people carry them in their throats with no ill-effects whatsoever. "What causes some people to get scarlet fever and not others is not completely understood. It may be that the hosts become Dr Angela Iversen, the area's consultant more susceptible because they have flu or are run down, for example."

> My initial symptoms were apparently typical: a sore throat, accompanied byfever and headache. Small children often also suffer from vomiting and nausea. The characteristic rash usually appears within two days a reaction to a toxin, produced by certain strains of the streptococcus, which is abultimately lead to blood poisoning. The face also becomes flushed and the

> tongue swollen and red - doctors charmingly describe it as a "strawberry" tongue. As the

My father backed away in some alarm on bearing that our home was infected with scarlet fever. He had spent six weeks in iso-lation in the school sanatorium after getting



Above: Lizzie and daughter Christina; top: Beth in 'Little Women' contracted scarlet fever

from another, people would blame the contamination on a toy that had been played with by another scarlet fever patient a year before. Now, it is understood that a child who develops scarlet fever probably picked up a germ from someone who just had a sore throat, or was carrying the streptococcus without feeling its effect at all.

Our household copy of Dr Spock, published in 1957, advised that scarlet fever could be treated with "one of the modern drugs that shorten the disease and greatly lessen the chances of complications". It still went on, however, to list frightening-sounding complications such as rheumatic fever, and urged parents to check with the local authority about quarantine regulations. When I asked my doctor about this, she shot me and the tattered bealth manual a withering look, and put the record straight.

Before the advent of antibiotics, scarlet fever did pose a considerable risk to health, because of the danger of the bacteria

tions, sinusitis, necrotising fasciitis (the famous flesb-eating bug) septicaemia, meningitis, pneumonia and toxic shock syndrome. In the past, it also caused rheumatic fever and kidney infections. Nowadays scarlet fever can be diagnosed by a throat swab test, and treatment with an antibiotic, usually penicillin or erythromycin, usually leads to rapid recovery.

There may also be other reasons for scarlet fever having ceased to be a killer disease. People are obviously bealthier and living in less crowded conditions, but Dr Weinberg believes the bug itself may have become less virulent. "A bug that kills its host is badly designed. It in fact wants to live with its host. So it is probable that the streptococcus that causes scarlet fever has adapted, so that the discomfort it causes is less severe."

Our immune systems, too. are constantly shifting, which explains why some people may come into contact with the streptococci but suffer no ill-effects, whereas children,

developed far away, in time and distance. spreading from the throat to other parts of whose immune systems are not fully from others. Thinking that one must come the body. This can still result in ear infec-developed, are more prone to the disease.

Although scarlet fever is no longer a killer it remains on the list of notifiable diseases. "more for historical reasons than for anything else", says Dr Weinberg. However, be and his colleagues do not wish to see it removed from the list because of the danger that the bug could become virulent again. "It is important to maintain surveillance of a disease that has the potential to be life-

threatening, and monitor its level of occurrence. At the moment the bacterium that causes scarlet fever is highly sensitive to penicillin, but it is possible that new strains could develop which are resistant."

Both I and my daughter are now fully recovered, and, having researched this piece. I am truly thankful for the availability of penicillin. No longer do I harbour daft romantic notions about 19th-century diseases, though I admit I got a lot more sympathy from friends and family than my husband, who was also pretty ill over Christmas - but he only had a nasty bout of flu!

A QUESTION OF HEALTH



DR FRED KAVALIER

I TAKE hormone replacement therapy, which contains oestrogen and progesterone. The progesterone is present only during the second half of the month. I feel terrific when I am taking the oestrogen on its own, hut dreadful when I start the progesterone. Why can't I just take the oestrogen? Progesterone is added to HRT because it prevents the lining of the uterus from being overstimulated by oestrogen. When HRT was first introduced, women who took oestrogen on its own had an increased risk of cancer of the lining of the uterus. This cancer risk can be eliminated by taking progesterone for at least to days a month. You have several options, You could try a type of HRT that contains a different formulation of progesterone. Another possibility is to take tibolone, which is a unique form of HRT that does not contain progesterone. If all else fails, you may be able to take oestrogen on its own if you are prepared to have regular (probably once a year) biopsies of the lining of the womb to check for cancer. This is not as bad as It sounds, but you would need to organise It with a gynaecologist.

I AM a 34-year-old man with seborrhoeic dermatitis: dandruff and flaky skin on my forehead and cheeks, especially in cold weather. I have tried Nizoral shampoo and Daktacort cream, neither of which has had any effect. I am getting desperate and a brown paper bag seems the only A yeast infection with Pityrosporum ovale is one of the factors that causes seborrhoeic dermatitis. For your scalp, try Polytar AF, a shampoo that contains zinc pyrithione. For your face, you should try terbinafine (Lamisil) cream, which sometimes works better than Daktacort, You will need a doctor's prescription for this.

Please send questions to A Question of Health. The Independent', I Conada Square, Canary Whnrf. London E14 5DL; fax 0171-293 2182: or e-mnil to healthig independent.co.uk Dr Kavalier cannot respond personally to questions

The dental chair is a more comfortable place

Fear of the dentist's surgery is no longer justified. Technology is transforming it from torture chamber to beauty parlour. By Roger Dobson

ings was too embarrassed about the even talk without bolding a protective hand in front of her mouth.

After years of anxiety and worry. the 35-year-old administrator dipped into her savings, spent £4,150 on a new smile, and now says that it has completely changed her life. "For years I was miserable be-

cause my teeth were disgusting, and I thought nothing could be done. It's made me a different person, and friends and the people I work with can't believe that it's me," she says. Treatments such as hers are possible because of the techniques that have transformed dentistry in recent years. Not so long ago, dental surgeries had about as much charm as

out a dentist as a last resort, to have a painful tooth extracted or filled. But the Marathon Man era of dentistry bas now all but gone. Radical technology has transformed dentists from tooth-pullers into tooth-savers, and most visits to the surgery are no longer driven by pain, but by a simple desire to keep teeth

a medieval torture chamber; only the

bravest plucked up courage to seek

healthy and prevent decay. Fluoride in toothpaste and dietary changes, particularly a lower sugar intake, started the revolution

greater expectations, which in turn state of her teeth to smile, laugh or fuelled the search for new treatments and methods, from painless fillings to home whitening kits.

The noisy drill is now being replaced by air brushes and gels; teeth can be rebuilt in the mouth or Nevoury, a Harley Street dentist. I may do five in a whole year.

line of yellow teeth.

People are much more aware of their teeth now, and dentistry is very mole preventive," says Dr Tony

FOR MOST of her life. Dawn Hutch- in dental health care that created whitened with lasers; Baywatch "When I graduated in the early Sixsmiles can be created from a jagged ties we took teeth out and we had two filling materials – black for the back, white for the front. That was it. Now there is a whole heap of things we different to what it was; it's much can do. When I started I would do just in case the teeth got decayed. five or more extractions a week; now

the past we were maximally invas-"We can do all sorts of things now.

"The art of dentistry has changed of teeth, which means you don't have chips, and so on. It is the most exsignificantly. The whole thing is to to be drastic when you cut into be minimally invasive, whereas in teeth, and you don't have to do the ive. We were taught to put fillings in in the past to hold the material in We can bond material to the surface fill the spaces between teeth, rebuild jaw and a thin lip line.

great undercuts that we bad to do place. We can change the colour of the teeth, straighten crooked teeth,

Resin veneer: Plaque-free teeth

composite resin, bonded directly

on to the surface of the tooth to

Resin compound; For gaps and

halogen or plasma light. Cost:

Perio-temp: A device to test the

tissue around the gum. A raised

temperature indicates possible

initial consultation, cost £40-£60

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Cost: Around £450 a tooth

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citing time in dentistry.

The treatment Dawn Hutchings had took three hours. Her oroblem was that she had dark yellow upper teeth, two twisted teeth, spaces between the teeth, a receding upper

resin sculptures bonded to the teeth. and changing their colour to a natural-looking white. The teeth were lengthened and built into a better and fuller smile, and the resin has given more support to her upper lip. More developments are on the

Her treatment involved having

borizon, including a compound that coats the teeth and prevents bacteria from sticking. One coat of this compound will give protection for up to four months

There are also treatments for those who have a morbid fear of the dentist and the drill.

According to Dr Peter Webb, author of Robinson's Family Encyclopaedia of Homeopathic Remedies, there are natural potions suitable for those who faint or throw up at the sight and smell of a dental surgery. The secret for those whose symptoms are a weakening of the knees and short-term memory loss at the prospect, is, he says. a tot of yellow jasmine, taken an hour before the appointment.

SOME OF THE LATEST ADVANCES IN DENTAL TECHNOLOGY

A complete smile: The full works involves building up the front of the teeth with special resin and thickening the teeth by about half a millimetre. Teeth can also be lengthened, lined up and whitened, and gaps and chips filled in. Cost: around £5,000 for the upper teeth

Air abrasion filling: A spray of an air-and-powder mix that cuts out decay. Unlike a drill, it removes little of the good tooth surrounding the decay. Ideal for those with a dental phobia, it is silent, with no odour or heat, and in most cases there is no need for an injection. Cost: £65-£185

Dental gel filling: Dissolves tooth decay with no drilling,



injection or pain. The gel breaks downprotein layers in the decayed dentine of the tooth. It also contains sodium hypochlorite, an anti-bacteria agent to break up decay.

Braces: Brackets can be fitted to the inside of the teeth, out of



sight. They can also be removed by the patient. Cost: £350-£3,000

Laser whitening: Teeth discolour for a variety of reasons including blood disorders, ageing, trauma and tobacco. In this therapy, a gel is painted on to the teeth, then exposed to a lowpower laser. In three minutes

yellow teeth can be lightened by three shades. The teeth will continue to whiten over the next 48 hours. Cost: £350 to £600

Home whitening kits: A customdesigned mould has a whitening solution inside. Teeth will whiten up to three shades over eight weeks. Cost: £350

Decay detector: A laser system using infrared light to detect decay before it can be seen





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Infertile doesn't mean impotent

unable to conoften suffer from depression: men more complex way to the discovery

that they bave a fertility problem. Ken Gannon, a psychologist at St Barts and the Royal London Hospital in east London, has researched the emotional effects of infertility on leagues found high levels of psychwith previous research, but, more important, the type of distress differed between the sexes.

We found that subfertile men were more likely to suffer from anxiety, whereas subfertile women were more likely to be depressed," he says. "The levels of anxiety in men are really very high. About 50 per cent of them have clear clinical

This means, be says, that mainstream fertility counselling, which usually follows a bereavement loss, may be less appropriate for men than for women.

"Men may feel less like grieving. and more threatened by their subfertility," he says, "There is a powerful feeling that their identity as men is under attack. They also know that society confuses potency, in the sense of the ability to have sex. with fertility."

This makes it hard for men even to acknowledge their distress to themselves. Dr Sammy Lee, a react to this huge blow to their from other people and going into

omen who are their partner, who can give them so much support if they'll only let her. Sometimes I get a call from a woman who seeks counselling on behalf of her man - be'll be in the backmay react in a ground, chipping in, and I'm to the discovery counselling him through her. Or be may even be watching the football on TV at the same time."

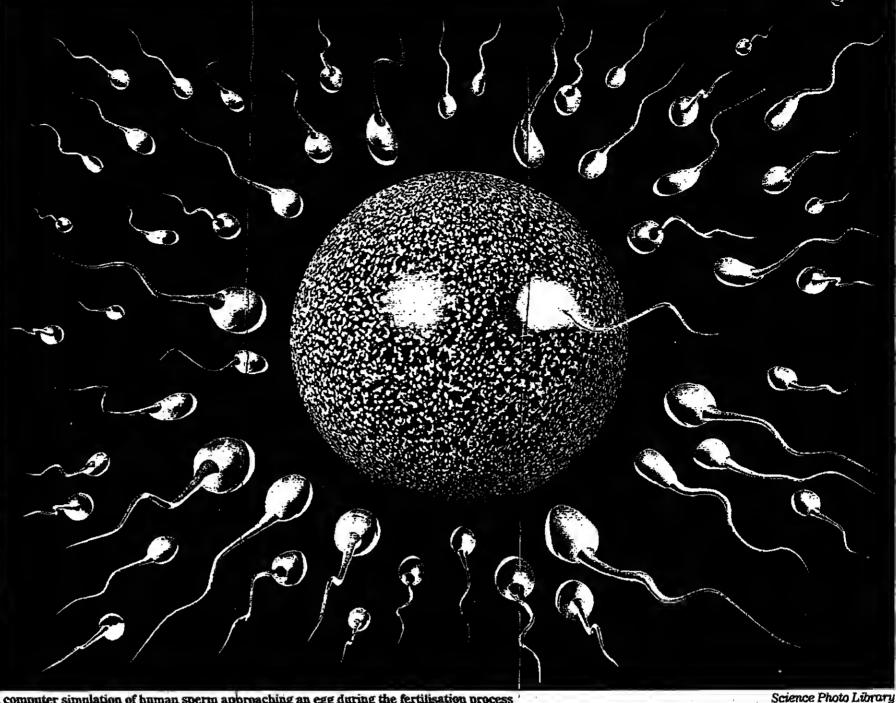
Nicky Wesson belps to run a support group for infertile couples. "It's daunting for men to come along to men and women. He and his col- a group," she says. "They feel like outcasts - as if they can't talk to anyological distress in both sexes, in line one. Even communication within the couple is difficult,"

It is not surprising that things are the way they are, though, says Dr Lee. Infertility treatment tends to focus on the female, whether or not it is she who has the physical problem. "Men are absent in the clinic, except for the times when they're being treated, or producing a sample. We reduce them to the role of sperm providers.

'ît's typical of the way men's feelings are sidelined throughout everything to do with pregnancy and model by acknowledging feelings of birth," agrees Ken Gannon. "It's the same after a miscarriage. Most of the concerns are directed to the woman, whereas the man may need support, too."

Yet male fertility is a factor in at least half of the one in six couples who have problems. Male subfertility is increasing. Cases of disorders of the male reproductive tract have doubled in the last 30 to 50 years, and there has been an overall fall in sperm counts.

Various environmental reasons reproductive physiologist at Lon- have been put forward as a possible don's Portman Clinic, says that men cause, including chemical pollution, self-esteem by isolating themselves stance abuse. "Heavy cocaine use can be extremely damaging to the body's ability to produce sperm." Too many infertile men don't says Dr Lee. And, more startlingly.



A computer simulation of human sperm approaching an egg during the fertilisation process

mones, "Men are in crisis," be says. "They see women in power, and in . management positions above them, and they haven't learnt to cope with it yet. If we could investigate, I think we'd find an effect on their sperm production - these ladies ite your balls."

Some of the more dramatic advances in fertility treatment belp men, especially men with a low sperm coun realise that their greatest asset is he also speculates that there may be testes, and then treating it to zap up at Nurture, told the Derby Eve. ing gnosis, after two sperm tests, I was but while we can't say we're happy Lee (Blackwell Science, 1996)

a physiological link between the its fertility. However, as Marsali Telegraph that he reckoned their way men feel about themselves in a Macdonald, a counsellor from Nurchildren had cost them, all told, changing world, and their hor- ture (Nottingham University Research and Treatment Unit in Reproduction), says, new breakthroughs can be a curse as well as a blessing. "It can mean it's difficult to know when to get off the treatment treadmill. It's like the lottery. If you try one more time, could this be the month you strike lucky?"

The cost of fertility treatment may also add to the stress. 75 per cent of couples pay for at least some of their sperm injection (ICSD, for example, NHS services means that it is "treatinjects a single sperm into the egg. ment by postcode" for some . One There is now work being done on ex- man, delighted to be the father of tracting a sample of sperm from the triplets after successful treatment duces no sperm. "When I got the dia-

£50,000, including his wife's loss of earnings after having had to give up work to undergo treatment.

The Family Planning Associa-tion's new booklet, "Infertility Tests and Treatment", acknowledges the effect that infertility has on relationships, including sexual relations. Speaking for men as well as women, it says, "it can be very easy to despair, or to get so amious about baying a child, that nothing else seems

That was the case with Paul, 36, from London, a catering supplier. Paul has azoospermia - he pro-

ings of failure. My wife Rosie and I followed up every possible lead. I had hormone injections for months. Then I had a course of Chinese berbs. But nothing made any difference. I felt that my whole world was being ruled by my infertility. Life was becoming a treadmill of injections, tests, clinic appointments. I

wasn't in control." Paul found that counselling was useful in helping him and his wife deto take back control, and return to DO, Oxford OX4 5JE. Alternative what we had at the start of our mar- Fertility Treatments' by Nicky Wesriage - our life as a couple. Now, we son (Vermilion, £8.99), 'Counselling .accept we won't ever have children, in Male Infertility' by Dr Sammy

really very angry," he says. "Then the anger turned to profound feel-more. If people ask, 'how many more. If people ask, how many children do you have?' I just say, 'none, I can't have any'. A few years ago, I might not have been able to

say that without being emotional."

Issue: 01922 722883; Child, the National Infertility Support Network: 01424 732361. Nurture: 0115 9709490. For the Family Planning Association booklet, which has a useful list of contacts plus treatment information, send £1.50 to FPA Publica-

hypocrisy is difficult to resist.

The second is the suggestion

that doctors should keep out of

politics. Yet, as most doctors

acknowledge, political change over the last half-century has

brought greater improvements

in health than medical advance

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Operating for vanity can damage your health

Doctors are finding there are health risks with a condition

traditionally thought of as cosmetic. By Ed Walker

VARICOSE VEINS are not glam- which can take months to sort out crous. The phrase "surgical support stockings" may be almost impossible to say with a completely straight face but the affliction is far from funny for sufferers, and not only because it can be so unsightly.

Varicose veins may become inflamed or infected, resulting in ex-quisitely tender legs that need treatment with antibiotics and antiinflammatory drugs. Or the stagnant blood in them may clot, with the clot perhaps spreading to the bigger veins deep inside the leg. This condition can be life-threatening.

Or veins may get damaged in a trivial injury that would normally just result in a small cut, but because there is a possibly centimetre-wide blood vessel just below the surface, it can bleed impressively and the simple first-aid measures of elevating the leg and pressing firmly over the cut.

When the condition is long-standing, it is often a sign of a condition known as chronic venous insufficiency. Because the pressure in veins is relatively low compared with that in arteries, and because the legs are such a long way from the heart when we walk upright rather than on all fours like other animals, getting blood back out of the legs once it has got there is a problem. (That same problem can cause similar dilated veins a bit higher up the body - haemorrhoids,)

The return of the blood relies on a system of one-way valves in the veins, and on the veins being squashed by activity in the muscles around them. If those valves stop working (as they may do when the veins become dilated), blood pools in the legs, and the supply of fresh blood to the area is compromised. Varicose eczema and other changes in the skin may be lead to ulceration,

and may even require skin grafts.

Varicose veins are often blamed for other symptoms, too, and such symptoms, along with the presence of the veins, is usually enough for surgery to be offered to the patient. Problems are said to include "beaviness or tension", aching, cramps, itching and tingling. But a team from Edinburgh University reports in the British Medical Journal that such symptoms are in fact rarely due to varicose veins.

The researchers studied 1,500 people, and asked them about these feelings in their legs. The commonest complaints were "aching" in women (53.8 per cent) and "cramps" in men (34 per cent). Overall, women reported more problems than men, and all symptoms became more prevalent with age. Then the volunteers were examined by doctors to look for evidence of any varicose veins, and grade their severity. Of the entire group (adjusted for age) about 35 per cent had varicose veins (in contrast to symptoms, the figure is slightly higher in men than in women). But there was precious little evidence to link the presence of the veins with the symptoms

attributed to them. In the men, the only symptom that bore any relationship to varicose veins was itching. In women, beaviness, aching and itching correlated significantly with the presence of varicose veins, although the paper's authors say that even this finding

"may be of limited clinical value". They conclude that even in the presence of varicose veins. "most lower limb symptoms probably have that many people with quite severe all. Nor is there any evidence to suggest that operating on varicose will leave your doctors scratching veins early (by which is meant, be-

insufficiency appear? has any pre-

More then 50,000 varicose vein operations are carried out each year on the NHS. It is not major surgery, but even so, each operation costs about £2,000 to carry out. In the ever-cost-conscious bealth service, we need to be sure that this is being spent wisely. Given the at best tenuous link between varicose veins and symptoms, the question arises whether operations are being per-

formed unnecessarily. Most patients seek surgery for uncomplicated varicose veins simply because they don't like the look of them, which is an entirely understandable reaction. But since this comes under the heading of "cosmetic" surgery, they may feel that they should also have other complaints, in order to persuade a surgeon to operate. At present it seems that many surgeons are happy to accept this as a reason to do so.

The researchers in Edinburgh advise that before considering surgery, a trial of "support bosiery" should be used, to see whether it has any effect on the patient's symptoms. Graded support stockings, properly fitted and properly worn, compress the dilated veins and force blood into the deeper veins inside the leg, which are more efficient at getting

blood back up the body. But even if symptoms do improve, it seems that at present the only way of finding out whether surgery will indeed help in the long term is to "operate and see". Although you'll almost certainly rid a non-venous cause". They also say yourself of the squiggly blue lines running down your calves, you may varicose veins have no symptoms at all. Nor is there any evidence to sug-swollen, itchy legs as before. Which will leave your doctors scratching

When is having sex having sex, and when is it politics?

WHAT IS sex? I'm sorry, I'll try that again. What counts as "having sex"? This is not a Valentine's quiz, though you may think the answer is obvious or trivial. Yet this seemingly simple question has triggered the sacking of the editor of one of the world's leading medical journals, and has convulsed the international medical establishment

The reason is that the question turns out to be not quite as simple as it seems. When US college students were given a list of activities, ranging from kissing to sexual intercourse, and asked to say which of them counted as "having sex", more than half answered that oral sex did not.

The study was fast-tracked to publication in the Journal of the American Medical Association by its distinguished editor, George Lundberg, and appeared last month as members of the US senate began considering whether the sexual high jinks of the President, and his subsequent denials, should result in his

impeachment Impeccable timing, you might have thought. The majority American view of whether oral sex counts as having sex is. . surely relevant to the events now unfolding on Capitol Hill. That, bowever, is not bow the luminaries of the American Medical Association saw it. To them. Dr Lundberg's decision to time publication as be did was an unacceptable intrusion into the political process. Dr E Ratcliffe Anderson, executive vice-president of the AMA, said that be did not object to the contents of the paper, but to its accelerated publication. "I happen to believe that Dr Lundberg was focused on



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sensationalism here, not

science," be said. The sacking has provoked an extraordinary reaction which cannot have been anticipated by the AMA. The story dominated the broadcast media for most of the day on which it was announced, and at least 53 metropolitan newspapers carried it on their front pages. Since then, acres of newsprint have been devoted to the sacking, almost all of it critical of the AMA, which has been



Monica Lewinsky and Eill Clinton - so was it sex?

of touch. As the New York Post put it: "I haven't heard recently of any editor being fired for being relevant about what's

going on in the world." On this side of the Atlantic, the British Medical Journal had within 10 days received 67 responses on its website to its comment on the sacking, 55 of which 182 per cent) were ontraged by Lundberg's dismissal. Half of these were editors themselves. One, Magne Nylenna, editor of the Journal of the Norwegian Medical Association, suggested establishing a George Lundberg

Award for editorial integrity. There are several bizarre aspects of these events. The first is that the AMA is itself deeply embroiled in national politics. In the last decade, as the St Louis Post-Dispatch observed, the AMA's Political Action Committee has given more than \$14m (£8.8m) to political candidates, with about two-thirds going to Republicans. It has also criticised every health reform bill as "socialised

be necessary to elicit details of activities that could, in the context of Aids and other sexually transmissible diseases be dangerous.

As one correspondent to the BMJ - Simon Chapman, editor of Tobacco Control - discovered when he questioned his teenage children, fellatio may be a high

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MEDIA

Chris Evans boasted that Radio 1 wouldn't survive without him. He clearly hadn't reckoned on Andy Parfitt. By Rhys Williams

They're playing our tune again

adio 1's centra! London office is a bit of a dump. The reception is dingy, cramped and packed with pluggers (the record industry's equivalent of doorto-door salesmen); the walls are covered in an unwelcoming shade of

Not very rock'n'roll - and a good thing too. First, because it means the corporation is clearly not wasting licence payers' money on trips to Habitat. Second, and more important, Radio 1 itself is no longer very rock'n'roll. These days, it is more about indie or dance or rap or pop, particularly pop. If there is a charge being levelled against the network and Andy Parfitt, its controller of 11 months, it is that Radio 1 has become a just little too pop.

Since taking over from Matthew Bannister, Parfitt has changed more than three-quarters of the schedule: John Peel has been restored to the 10pm slot, Zoë Ball has taken sole charge of the breakfast show and put on half a million listeners, while the network's rising star Chris Moyles has transferred from dawn to drivetime. Parfitt's prints are all over the place, not least in his office where the seemingly ubiquitous battleship grey has been replaced by sunflower yellow. In the last three months of 1998 (the first full quarter of his new line-up), Radio 1 added 200,000 listeners and registered its highest share of listening for two years.

But there is a feeling among some that ratings success has come at the expense of the cutting-edge sound that transformed tired old, sad old Fab FM into the vibrant, youthful driving force of Britpop. Specialist programmes across the evenings and weekends still play the latest in dance, indie and rap but, in the daytime, when the big numbers tune in and radio outperforms television, you are just as likely to hear the more populist strains of Steps, 911 or Billie as Pulp, Blur or Mercury Rev. An articulated lorry could scarcely make a more dramatic U-

one of those cyclical things," counters Parfitt. "Steve Lamacy [Radio 1's indie gurul said the tide has gone out on Britpop and what replaced it cheesy boy or girl bands, but also Natalie Imhruglia and Rohbie

great songwriting quality.

"We're not judgemental about what makes valuable new music and nor are our listeners. They say they are as happy to sing along to "Angels" as to listen to Pete Tong stretching new European dance music. There's a less tribal view, more acceptance of different strands of music."

Until as recently as 1993, the idea of Radio 1 paying much attention to either new music or a 15-to-24-year-old target audience was frankly about as hizarre as most of the stuff you hear on John Peel's show. In fact, Peel recalls the old days at Radio 1 as a time when "you did have to keep your interest in

music very much to yourself". This all changed in late 1993 with



Ball (right) inherited Radcliffe's unsuccessful breakfast-time slot

the arrival of Bannister, who, with Parfitt as his trusted assistant, administered the broadcasting equivalent of an enema. Dave Lee Travis, Simon Bates, Gary Davies and Bruno Brookes jumped or were jettisoned, signalling a step-change in output that in turn precipitated the defection of about half its audience.

Bannister later admitted that these changes were set in motion without necessarily baving the clearest idea of where the network would go. It was Parfitt who crystallised the Free", a youth-centred, new musicdustry would acknowledge that it's programming around a young person'a every recreational and social need. Music would be the entry point, but it also had to be about cinema, clubbing, gigs, advice on drugs for a while was pop music. Not just and coping with exams, and finding

ways to package news.
The ideas hold today. Addressing

served Radio 1's needs perfectly it gives the station a point of difference to compete with the exponential growth in commercial radio and fulfil its public service obligations. "Radio 1 has to be central to young lives in the UK," Parfitt says. "That's who I care about most. I'm not trying to sell them anything, to shove a sponsor's name down their throats or deliver them to advertisers.

Parfitt is as evangelical about his audience's needs as he is about the power of radio, a medium to which he has devoted his entire working life. He started out as a BBC trainee studio manager, ran a station in the Falklands for the British Forces Broadcasting Service, then became breakfast editor on the then Radio

5. "I'm a radio devotee." he says.

"There isn't a room in my house that hasn't got one or even two radios. Radio gets under the radar and into people's lives in a oeautifully subtle way. For our audience, it's the soundtrack to their lives." The arrival of Britpop in 1995 was

like manna from heaven. It leant Radio 1 the credibility its revamp desperately needed, but in reality the relationship was symbiotic. It was Steve Lamacq's and Jo Whiley's aggressive championing of Oasis (the Evening Session was the first to play strategic thinking. He presented a the 12-inch of "Columbia" months template for the station called "Wire before the band had a hit), and Blur validated Britpop as a new move-"Most people in the music in-driven service that would wrap its ment and encouraged labels des-mediate changes to the schedule

> joined Pete Tong to boost the network's presence in dance music, with rap. Then there was Chris people's lives."

Williams, both examples of really the 15-to-24-year-old age group Evans. He often describes birnself as the saviour of Radio 1, when in fact the massive audience decline was arrested before his arrival. True, he added 1.2 million listeners to the breakfast show, but his chief significance was as a mascot for the network's transformation. "Chris shone a spotlight on a radio station that had radically changed," says Parfitt. "When the light was shone, it was found to be new, young and

> But then Evans resigned amid acrimony and the whole enterprise threatened to unravel. The presenter's other legacy was to turn the breakfast show into a tabloid sideshow and ensure a disproportionate amount of media attention was focused on its two-hour segment.

When his successors Mark Radcliffe and Mark "Lard" Riley failed to hold Evans's audiences, the setback was telescoped into a crisis for the whole network. Harsh, because Mark and Lard are hugely original DJs who were unfortunate to be placed in a slot wholly inappropriate for their style, but also because the

rest of the network was unchanged. With breakfast show losses running close to 2 million listeners in seven months, Radio 1 then gambled on the unusual pairing of Revin Greening and radio virgin Zoë Ball. After an initial increase, audiences remained flat, so Parfitt placed Ball in sole charge last September. The half-million listeners she has added means that her show outgues Evans on Virgin Radio by two to one, which delights Partitt. When Evans left, he promised his rival offering would "kill" Radio 1. "He declared war on us," says Parfitt. "He said he would smash us and he hasn't.

"The radio station today is so different from his days here. When you've got one individual who's the focus of all the attention, teamwork can be difficult to achieve. There are no separate programme agendas any more; we're united in what we're trying to do."

One lesson Parfitt has learnt is the need for stability - he has just signed up Ball for a further three years. He also foresees no more imperate to get on the playlist to sign "When the rest of our listeners' lives are changing and becoming There was more to Radio 1 than more difficult, they want to switch Britpop, of course. Danny Rampling on and hear familiar voices. Successful schedules take years to establish. The longer they are on, the while Tim Westwood did the same more embedded they become in



Not loitering by the Coke machine; under Andy Parfitt, Radio 1 is the real thing Mark Chilvers

replace the hack's mac?

IT'S REPORTING, Jim, but perhaps not quite as we know it and could dispel forever the traditional image of a tired hack in a worn-out raincoat, carrying a scribbled-on notebook and asking for a phone.

The hack - sorry, mobile journalist - of the future would wear a backpack linking them to the Global Positioning System, allowing an editor to ascertain their location to within a few feet; a radio modern, for lirect filing of stories over a wireless ink to the Internet; see-through goggles with liquid-crystal displays which would superimpose text and ther details on the scene as the vearer moves around; and to link ind control it all, a portable comouter, mostly worn as a backpack, out including a handheld computer ablet for writing and making ueries of the system back home.

This vaguely frightening idea omes from Professor John Pavlik, nd his team at the Center for New fedia at Columbia University in New ork, who are developing a prototype. It would give better access through ireless technologies to a wide specum of information, including the Inrnet, but also to remotely located sperts and editors," says Professor

At this point I have to inject a note caution. Journalists are aiready thtly linked to remotely located exarts and editors. They use that wonerful invention the mobile lephone; the days of asking at pubs houses if you can use their phone e long gone. Electronic filing is the rm. Journalists can be sent mesgea from their newadesks by gers. Satellite phones mean that ien Richard Branson's balloon akes a solo trip from a Moroccan. litary airbase (as happened a ar or so ago), writers can use their M phones to contact their offices. Furthermore, news photograers don't even have to develop ir films: most of them have dig-



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ital cameras, with which they can mobile link, to be reassembled as a picture at the office. So what extra does Professor

Pavlik's vision offer? He says the extra information available to reporters would lead to greater accuracy. Via the Internet? Maybe. Originally, I planned to start this piece by recalling a scene from an **Fighties film starring Holly Hunter** as a TV producer, Jeff Bridges, I recalled, played a dim but handsome newsreader vying for her affections with a sharp but un-telegenic rival. In one scene, as Bridges struggled to interview a foreign correspondent about an air attack, the rival phones up Hunter with hints of questions to ask; she feeds those to the newsreader's earpiece, making him sud-

I searched for the film's name on squirt a stream of 0s and 1s over the the Internet; Broadcast News, I did not merit and the only deserveventually discovered after five frustrating minutes.

Then I wondered: would it have been faster to use old-fashioned journalistic techniques? So I asked my office neighbour. "I'm not a film buff," he said. "Ask David Lister [our Arts News Editor]."

David Lister knew at once when I mentioned Ms Hunter's name. "Broadcast News," he said. "Except it wasn't Jeff Bridges, it was William Hurt." In 30 seconds I had not only got the right answer - I had got all the right information. (I had overlooked Hurt's name on the Web page.) Which goes to show that sometimes you can rely on technology too much at the expense of con-

Will a high-tech backpack The colour of prejudice

Illegal immigrants

queue up for jobs on

the black economy

LAST WEEK, for the second time in recent months, anti-racists protested outside the offices of the Dully Mail against its xenophobic coverage of asylum-seekers in this country. The piece that provoked the most recent row was a long, vitriolic attack on Somalis in Ealing, where I live, written by a "top writer", Jo-Ann Goodwin. It was well-crafted to create anger and panic. Facts that matter would have got in the way of

this broader social purpose, so they were simply left out. Goodwin says that 90 per cent of Somalis in Ealing are unemployed, but not that many of them are not allowed to work and others face awful discrimination. I know, because friends give them the odd gardening or

But this is what the Mail does, so why the angry surprise? I think it is because expectations of the paper have changed in the past two years. Once upon a time you used to be able either to love or hate the Mail, because it was a truly dependable paper. It was guaranteed not to disappoint or confuse you by taking unexpected positions. Unions were scum, unmarried mothers a national scandal Thatcher was a goddess we ing people in Britain were white home owners.

Blacks were to be feared and loathed, because they were mostly muggers and rapists. A handful of Asians were useful little millionaires. hut most ran dirty corner shops, caged their sweet, anglicised little girls, and ripped off the welfare state. Most of all, immigrants were vermin overrunning the country, claiming to be refugees, destroying

There were a few oddities that didn't quite make sense in these terms. The Mail, unlike some more liberal papers, not only has been open to hlack and Asian journalists for years now, but was the first to give a black journalist, Baz CHARLES ARTHUR Barnigboye, a star job as their show-



Despite its coverage of the Lawrence case, the Daily Mail has reverted to type on race

By Yasmin Alibhai-Brown

biz man. But this made no difference to the set values and coverage. But one flower does not mean

sponse to the Stephen Lawrence killing and the five white boys who stood accused, but walked free without a trial. The Mnil named and shamed them, and black and Asian Britons were left reeling with gratitude, and even guilt. Some of us started buying the paper. Radicals such as the fiery Mark Wadsworth, and Stuart Weir, the widely respected writer on democracy, wrote to the paper with such praise that the eyes hurt to read their words. The explanation for this was that Paul Dacre, the Moil's editor-inchief, knew Neville Lawrence because the latter had done a decorating job for him, and out of this

personal contact was born an astonishing, unlikely campaign.

whether this one good deed has carried too much importance. Maybe we anti-racists have been naïve to think that this was anything more than an aberration, the deeper reasons for which can only be speculated on. It was sensational; it sold papers and added moral worthiness to a vast list of other qualities that give the Mnil its unassailable reputation. It may even have given the paper licence to hound its traditional victims even more viciously. Without doubt, asylum seekers have long been among the top targets of the paper, and they can expect even less mercy today. Yesterday it was no surprise to see

a page lead exposing illegal immigrants from the war in Kosovo queuing up for jobs in the black economy".
Journalist Paul Coleman carried

out a survey of the national newspapers on the press coverage of asylum-seekers for the think-tank the Runnymede Trust. The Mnil had the largest number of articles on the subject, three times as many as in The Sun and double those in other springtime and it is time to ask right-wing papers. Of course, none of the reports included information on violations of human rights in the countries where asylum-seekers came from, or explained that the Geneva Convention excludes people who are fleeing natural disasters, such as earthquakes. None of those quoted were asylum-seekers. Recently pages were devoted to the crimes committed by asylum seekers and refugees in this country. More cases might have emerged if they had done a spread, say, on nurses who have broken the law.

> When I was researching my book, True Colours. on attitudes to multiculturalism, ex-Muil journalists told me that the Immigration Services Union had a direct link with the paper and sought to exaggerate the "problem" of illegal immigration. Thus the anti-refugee obsession

I came here in 1972, a dispossessed person from Uganda. The Mail told us at the time there was no space for us here. But 30,000 jobs have been created by Ugandan Asians in the Midlands since, and on the 25th anniversary of our arrival the successes in the community were even praised by the paper.

Perhaps we should send an appealing Somali or Kosovan refugee to work for Dacre, if that is what it takes to change direction for the paper. But wouldn't it be better if this extraordinary editor decided to use his influence to create just a little more understanding of why refugees leave their countries, and what most of them bring to our nation?

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We all make mistakes. But if you're skilful they need not cost you your job. By Paul McCann

Crisis? What crisis?

Saturday morning newspaper exclusives. But two stories with very different endings. In one story, the England football manager expresses a view on reincarnation that has nothing to do with football. He is hounded from his job. Another man, the Chief Inspector of Schools, is quoted suggesting that a relationship between a teacher and a pupil can be "educative" at a time when the Government is specifically legislating to outlaw such relationships. He appears to be keeping his job.

The lesson that the public relations industry would have us learn from the Glenn Hoddle and Chris Woodhead stories is the power of crisis management. Invest in good PR advice, they claim, and we'll show you how to survive your gaife.
"Every situation is savable," says

the celebrity publicist Max Clifford. "Just look at Clinton. My strategy would have been to get Hoddle to admit that he wasn't good at English - that's why he got into football. After all, humility goes a long way

"He could have come out and denied believing that the disabled deserve their lot, saying that he was sorry for any distress caused. At the same time. I would have had the disahled organisations he had worked with for years come forward and support him. You could have got to the point where Blair wouldn't have dared make the remarks that he did on the Richard and Judy show."

The Prime Minister said on ITV's This Morning that if Hoddle's remarks had been correctly reported it would be very hard for him to stay". It has been identified as the point at which the England manager's position hecame untenable. Dave Hill, the long-time Labour spin doctor and veteran of many emergency rebuttals, agrees that Hoddle could have extricated himself: "He had to know on Friday night it was going to be a huge story. Even on Saturday morning, it would have on Sunday when he was apologising been possible for him to get on the on TV. Hoddle was dead in the water





Woodhead was quick to present his version of events, while Hoddle left a vacuum PA/Reuters

Today programme and start getting by Monday which is why Blair could his message out. He should then have done the independent radio news programmes and had the lunch-time news hulletins reporting what he really said, not what The Times was reporting that he said."

Hill, who now works for the PR company Good Relations, helieves Hoddle should also have chosen better the vehicles for his rebuttal: "He should have done hard news programmes, not a soft interview on Grandstand. When a sport or an education story leads the news it is no longer just a specialist story.

"He had to say he was misunderstood. This is what Chris Woodhead did. He covered the Saturday news programmes with his version of a relationship with an ex-student and a reinterpretation of what he had said at a teacher's conference - so that's what the papers were running

say what he did on This Morning." "Hoddle had limited options."

says Trevor Morris, managing director of the Quentin Bell Organisation, a PR firm. "He had to clarify what he said and give journalists something to write. His lack of clarity

Invest in good PR, they claim, and we'll show you how to survive your gaffe.

left a vacuum which journalists were able to fill themselves." The other option for Hoddle was to deny his quote completely. This is an option suggested by another former Labour spin doctor now ply-ing his trade outside politics. Not surland football manager is a much big-ger story than a chief inspector of schools - despite what that says about the news values of the media and the public. "Woodhead was helped by the story breaking on a Saturday, for the

same reason that Hoddle was harmed by the story breaking on a Saturday," says Hill. "Saturday is a sports news day. There wasn't much space on the short Saturday news hulletins for Woodhead's story." Added to this is the essential fact that Hoddle started from a much weaker position: "You can't ignore the different circumstances of the two men," says Hill.

Hoddle was someone cut off from the real world. Woodhead understands politics and media and, crucially be didn't have any baggage. His profile had been neutral for a few years and the Government supports him. Hoddle had fallen out with just about every sports journalist in

And that, despite the claims of PR. men talking up their trade, could be the greater difference in the two cases - Hoddle's job was much bigger and his gaffe so much worse, and he had burnt his bridges with those who could have helped. Yet the case of the two men is still instructive, not only in the ways of the media and its management, but also in regard to the changing status of public figures.

Celebrity is a commodity that helps to sell things, not least newspapers. This has always been the case - but the media is supposed to be about important people doing important things. Increasingly, it seems, it is about anyone famous doing anything at all.

Politics has understood this for some time and, with its rapid rebuttal unit, the Labour Party has so far been the best at dealing with "gaffe eruptions".

It can be no coincidence therefore that Labour's spin experts are moving out of politics and into the rest of public life. There they will provide their services for those who want to do a Woodhead, not a Hoddle.

THE WORD ON THE STREET

FORMER TREASURY spin supremo, Charlie Whelan, is getting into his stride as a football pundit for The Observer. On Hoddle: "Football fans don't give a monkey's if a manager or a player is religious, hut we all get a little worried about horn-again Christians". And on Fifa's proposals to make the World Cup every two years instead of the present every four: "It would mean the World Cup coming around twice as often. Perceptive stuff. And he certainly knows how to drop a hint. The Football Association's handling of the Hoddle affair, shows that "there is no bigger media joh that needs doing than spin doctor to the new England manager."

A BIG thank you to all our friends at Virgin Radio for their kind gift of an expensive Polartec fleece. And very smart it is too - hlue with red trim and a discreet Virgin Radio logo. The splendid garment arrived on Thursday morning. just in time for us to pull it on and head down to the latest Rajar quarterly briefing, at which, we learnt, Virgin misplaced another 130,000 listeners. The arrival of the fleece and the Rajar results were "not connected" claimed a Virgin Radio press officer. Of course not.

ON THE face of it, Scotland's already well-populated newspaper market needs a new title in the same way that Rangers require the services of a foreign striker. Nevertheless, a warm reception overall for the Sunday Herald. "Very bright. very colourful," says Magnns Linklater, former editor of The Scotsman. Ex-pats in London will have to take his word for it. The paper suspects dark forces

behind the decision not to let



the paper on to the plane which hrings rival titles Scotland on Sunday and Sunday Post to the capital. "Nonsense," says a circulation type at DC Thomson, which controls the flight. "There simply isn't room for it." In the hold or on the newsstand?

THE RON Davies affair has hranded Clapham Common as a place of nefarious nocturnal goings-on. Worse still, the other habitues of the ex-Welsh Secretary's favoured pulling place have been disturbed in their doings by a film crew from C4 making a documentary for Cutting Edge. The programme is described as "an impressionistic portrait of the hleakly beautiful South London common ... a rare insight into the lives of cruisers, courting couples and drifters." The production manager describes it as a "jolly jaunt around the common". Which is very similar to what Mr Davies said.

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AT A recent Mirror editorial conference discussions centred on the newest batch of Delia Smith recipes. The first recipe due to be launched on a hungry public was for mashed potatoes. Well that's no good," stated the deputy editor, weight-watching Tina Weaver, "everyone knows that no one eats potatoes

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prisingly, he doesn't wish to be named: "If desperate, he could have

stuck to the fact that he didn't say

it. In the case of Roger Liddle and

the Observer's cash for access story,

Downing Street made it an issue

about journalistic integrity, de-

manding a tape and getting the

focus shifted to whether he said something not what he said."

should never have been allowed

into the position where he could talk

about reincarnation: "The higgest

part of damage limitation is antici-

pation. You know what someone's

opinions are on something and so

you make sure that there is no way

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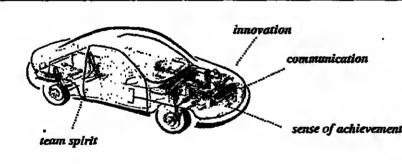
of the manager's media relations."

Other PR experts agree that Hoddle

had a much bigger firestorm to deal with than Woodhead. An Eng-

Max Clifford believes Hoddle

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NEW FILMS

A BUG'S LIFE (U) Director: John Lasseter Starring: David Foley, Kevin Spacey See The Independent Recommends, right.

West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Leicester Square, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. And local cinemas

> HIDEOUS KINKY (15) Director: Gillies Mackinnon

Starring: Kate Winslet, Said Taghmaoui Through the teeming orange/red/turquoise backdrop of 1970s Morocco treads Kate Wmslet's hippie single-mum, her two daughters (Bella Riza, Carrie Mullan) unwillingly in tow. Meantime, gormless backpackers, Sufi teachers, thieving natives and Said Taghmaour's child-ofthe soil love-interest weave hither and thither across the narrative. Regeneration director Mackinnon makes a fair fist of translating Esther Freud's novel to the screen; stirring in lots of ethnic chic and a canny period soundtrack. Winslet does well with a change-of-pace role as the tale's permanently strung-out, unsated matriarch, and the child stars are startlingly good. West End: Clapham Picture House, Curzon Soho, Curzon Minema, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Renoir, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fullum Road. Local: Kilburn Tricycle Cinema, UCI Surrey Quays. Repertory: Phoenix Cinema

HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK (15)

Director: Kevin Sullivan Starring: Angels Bassett, Whoopi Goldberg Stella got her groove back like this. She took off to Jamaica with her feisty buddie (Whoopi Goldberg), sashayed around the beach in a clinging bikini, and got herself a little love action in the form of a man (Taye Diggs) young enough to be her son. So it goes: Shirley Valentine with an

Afro-American spin. Terry MacMillan's bestseller has been conjured into a kind of ongoing travelagent commercial - 8 coldly marketed "chickflick" enjoying a run at cinemas before cropping un as your in-flight entertainment. Title star Angela Bassett works hard to make an impression among the slide-show of tourist-brochure visuals.

West End: Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. Local: Acton Park Royal Warner Village, Dagenham Warner Village, Edmonton Lee Valley UCI 12, Feltham Cineworld the Movies, Harrow Warner Village, Holloway Odeon, Peckham Premier, Staples Corner Virgin, Streatham Odeon, New Stratford Picture House, UCI Surrey Quays

LIVING OUT LOUP (15) Director: Richard LaGravenese

Starring: Holly Hunter, Danny DeVito See The Independent Recommends, right. West End: Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. Local: Edmonton Lee Valley UCI 12. Peckham Premier, Streatham ABC

Director: John Waters

Starring: Edward Furlong, Christina Ricci, Lili Taylor

Trash auteur Waters swerves into sunnier streets with Pecker, his finffly satirical tale of an amateur Baltimore photographer (Edward Furlong) adopted as 8 fly-on-the-wall artiste by the New York elite. More Hairspray than Pink Flamingos, Pecker goes big on blue-collar kitsch without ever making any real, stringent point, and squanders Christina Ricci (as Furlong's hard-nosed girlfriend) into the bargain. The result is entirely genial, but you miss the old risk, edge and bad-taste artistry. Age, it seems, has mellowed John Waters. West End: Clapham Picture House, Metro, Odeon Camden Town, Virgin Haymarket

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GENERAL RELEASE

BABE: PIG IN THE CITY (U)

The follow-up to Babe tosses the hapless "sheep-pig" into the midst of the city where he becomes the unlikely saviour of 8 bunch of Royal Warner Village, Bezleyheath Cineworld, Croydon Warner Village, Dagenham Warner Village, Edmonton Lee Valley UCI 12, Warner Village North Finchley, Harrow Warner Village, Holloway Odeon, Peckham Premier, Richmond Odeon Studio, Sutton UCI 6, UCI Surrey Quays, Wimbledon Odeon

BULWORTH (18)

Disillusioned at the end of an election campaign, senator Jay Bulworth (Warren Beatty) turns suicidal loose cannon; hanging out in the 'hood and delivering his speeches in abrasive rap stylings. West End: Clapham Picture House, Curzon Soho, Odeon Kensington, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsen, Virgin Haymarket, Croydon Clocktower, Croydon Sofari, Edmonton Lee Valley UCI 12, Warner Village Finchley Road, Peckham Premier, Wimbledon Odeon Repertory: Watermans Arts Centre

ELIZABETH (15)

Shekhar Kapur's story of a woman struggling to gain purchase in a male world largely neglects the opportunities for fun in a story of independence triumphing over cruelty.

West End: ABC Panton Street, Clapham Picture House, Curzon Minema, Odeon Mezzonine

ENEMY OF THE STATE (15)

Will Smith's fall-guy DA teams up with Gene Hackman's pensioned-off Pentagon warhorse, probes a political cover-up and gets embroiled in all manner of Big Brother-type trouble. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Virgin Trocadero, And local cinemas

FEAR AND LOATHING IN LAS VEGAS (18) Terry Gilliam's adaptation tilts at Ralph Steadman cartoonery for its tale of a drug-fuelled journalistic assignment. The film soon descends into a carnival of narcotic lunacy, but the one stand-out is Johnny Depp - who brings Hunter S Thompson to bald-headed, pigeon-toed life. West End: Gate Notting Hill Repertory: Prince Charles, The Lux Cinema

HILARY AND JACKIE (15)

Full-throttle playing from Rachel Griffiths and Emily Watson sustains, Anand Tucker's biopic of the Du Pré sisters, Hilary (shy, married fiautist) and Jacqueline (world-famous cellist). West End: Barbican Screen, Chelsea Cinema, Clapham Picture House, Curzon Mayfair, Curzon Soho, Gate Notting Hill, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Screen on the Hill Local: Greenwich Cinema, Richmond Odeon Studio

LITTLE VOICE (15) Holed up in her bedroom, timid North Country sparrow LV (Jane Horrocks) perfects strident Shirley Bassey/Judy Garland impersonations. Bracing hlack comedy, Horrocks' vocal pyrotechnics, plus a marvellously weighted turn from Michael Caine push it through to the final curtain. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Gate Notting Hill, Odeon Comden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon · West End, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road. And local cinemas

THE MASK OF ZORRO (PG)

iThis gaudy swashbuckler gallops full-speed through 19th-century California in the company of Antonio Banderas's authentically Hispanic do-gooder. West End: Odeon Mezzanine, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Virgin Fulham Road, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

MEET JOE BLACK (12)

Martin Brest's underdeveloped rehaul of Death Takes a Holiday stars Brad Pitt as the aquiline Grim Reaper, who get chaperoned around the everyday delights of Planet Earth by Anthony Hopkins' dying billionaire. West End: Empire Leicester Square. Local: Berleyheath Cineworld, Edmonton Lee Valley UCI 12, Feltham Cineworld the Movies, Streatham ABC

THE OPPOSITE OF SEX (18)

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Warner Village West End. assorted waifs. West End. Plaza. Local: Acton Park Local: Feltham Cineworld the Movies, Warner Village Finchley Road, Richmond Odeon Studio, UCI Surrey Quays

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See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Ponton Street, Curzon Soho. Local: Richmond Odeon Studio

PRACTICAL MAGIC (12)

Essentially 8 sibling soap-opera with a dash of mumbo-jumbo, Practical Magic sees Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman cast 8s two mismatched sisters raised from 8 line of witches and hexing any unlucky man who swings into their orbit. With Dianne Wiest and Aidan Quinn. West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Warner Village West End. Local: Catford ABC, Arch, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (U)

In planning his cartoon life of Moses, Dream Works honcho Jeffrey Katzenberg envisaged it "painted by Claude Monet and photographed by David Lean. The end result ends up looking more like The Ten Commandments by way of Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat. West End: Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

RUSH HOUR (15)

Rush Hour marries Jackie Chan with an LA backdrop, a jobbing Hollywood director and a wise-cracking black comic in Chris Tucker's huckstering LAPD man. It's a hit-and-miss-affair. West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Virgin Trocodero, Warner Village West End. Local: Acton Park Royal Warner Village, Croydon Warner Village, Dagenham Warner Village, Edmonton Lee Valley UCI 12, Harrow Warner Village, Staples Corner Virgin, Streatham Odeon, UCI Surrey Quays, Wimbledon Odeon. Repertory: National Film Theatre

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (15)

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen, Clapham Picture House. Empire Leicester Square, Notting Hill Coronet. Odeon Comden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, Screen on the Green, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

STEPMOM (12)

This sugar-glazed, oven-ready affair casts an out-of-sorts Susan Sarandon as a middle-aged matriarch squabbling over her offspring with the new model mom (Julia Roberts) that hubby Ed Harris has hooked up with. The first mom gets poorly and laughter turns to tears (or at least weary resignation). West End: Odeon Comden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch. Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsen. And local cinemas

TWO GIRLS AND A GUY (18)

James Toback's taught drama probes aggressively at the psychological make-up of its three central characters. Heather Graham and Natasha Gregson Warner are the duped girlfriends of Robert Downey Jr's love-rat prima donna, and Two Girls and a Guy gives them plenty of room to move and breathe, turning the resulting yarn into a pungent acting showcase. West End: Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket. Local: Warner Village Finchley Road

VERY BAD THINGS (18)

A bunch of stag-weekenders accidentally kill a Las Vegas whore, intentionally murder the security guard who rumbles the crime, and then start coming apart at the seams on their arrival home. Peter Berg's debut serves up swaggering gross-out comedy in a Louded-magazine style. With Cameron Diaz and Christian Slater. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Plaza, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsen, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

THE FIVE BEST FILMS

Shakespeare in Love (15) This enjoyable romp suggests how romance fired

Shakespeare with the creative inspiration for Romeo and Juliet. Joseph Fiennes and Gwyneth Paltrow head a multi-star cast.

Living Out Loud (15)

Holly Hunter plays a Manhattan woman who, left by her husband, befriends the elevator operator in her building. Writer Richard LaGravenese handles everything with affectionate restraint.

A Bug's Life (U)

Less sophisticated and more child-friendly than Antz, this animated feature spins another enjoyable yarn about an ant colony and its battle to survive. Kevin Spacey provides the voice of the chief grasshopper.

The Opposite of Sex (181)

Christina Ricci (right) plays 16-year-old bitch-on-wheels Dedec, who causes havor when she moves in with her halfbrother (Martin Donovan).

Darren Aronofsky's debut, filmed in soory blackand-white, tells the story of a genius mathematician. This stylish indie movie fearlessly combines Wall Street, Jewish mysticism and nightmarish headaches.

THE FIVE BEST PLAYS

The Street of Crocodiles (Queen's Theatre)

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Portraits by ingres (National Gallery) Some of the smartest, most intense portraiture ever. Women: exquisite miclanges of flesh and fabric. dreams of sex and money. Images of triumphant bourgeois huxury. To 25 Apr

Patrick Caulfield (Hayward Gallery) The modern object-world made luminous. This survey of nearly 50 years' work offers his full range - notably, those hold laconic outlines, blocked in with translucent colour. To 11.-tpr

Andreas Gursky (Serpentine Gallery) Photographs 1994-98; wide-vision, high-finish. micro-detailed vistas of our world - stock-exchange floor, cityscape, airport, alpioc valley - unages tilled with more than the eye can see. To ? Mar

Disasters of War (Wolverhampton Art Gallery)

"I caw this" - three ages of European war through the etchings of Jacques Callet, Gova (right) and Otto Dix. Visions from the blackest of times. To 20 Mar

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WARNER VILLAGE (0181-592

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Little Voice 2pm, 4.30pm, 7.15pm, 9.20pm Practical Magic 1.50pm,

VIRGIN UXBRIDGE ROAD (0870-

9070719) BR/O Ealing Broadway A Bug's Life 1.50pm, 4pm, 6.30pm,

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CORONET (0171-703 4968) & Elephant & Castle A Bug's Life 4pm, 6.30pm, 8.40pm Enemy of the State 3pm, 5.45pm, 8.20pm Prac-

tical Magic 3.45pm, 6pm, 8.30pm

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WARNER VILLAGE (0171-604

Central A Bug's Life 2pm, 3pm

ELEPHANT & CASTLE

FELTHAM

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7.30pm, 9.50pm

EDGWARE

Peter Dolg & Udomsak Krisanamis (Fruitmarker Gallery, Edinburgh) Doig's sizzling landscapes alternate with Krisanamis' collages of cultural detritus, To 27 Mar

CINEMA WEST END

ABC PANTON STREET 3.30pm 6.10pm, 8.35pm

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ABC SHAFTESBURY AVENUE (0870-902 0402) ◆ Leicester Square/fottenham Court Road Class Trip 1.05pm, 3.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm Texas Chalasaw Massacre 1.35pm, 3.55pm, 6.35em 8.55pm, 6.35pm, 8.55pm

ABC SWISS CENTRE (0870-902 0403) Leicester Square Buffalo 66 1.15pm, 3.50pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm Un Homme et une Femme 2.15pm, 4.25pm, 6.45pm, 8.55pm On Connalt is Chanson 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm La Vie Bushe Ger Angre 1.25pm Revõe des Anges 3.45pm, 6.25pm, 8.45pm 1.25pm,

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BARBICAN SCREEN (0171-638 8891)

Barbican Hilary and Jackle 6pm, 8.40pm Shakespeare in Love 6pm, CHELSEA CINEMA

(0171-351 3742) Sloane Square Hilary and Jackie 1.10pm. 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm

CLAPHAM PICTURE HOUSE (0171-498 3323 Bulworth 9pm Hideous Kinky 2.30pm, 4.45pm.
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9.30pm Shakespeare in Love 1.45pm, 4.15pm, 6.45pm, 9.20pm

CURZON MAYFAIR (0171-369 1720) & Green Park Hillary and Jackie 1pm, 3.30pm.

CURZON MINEMA (0171-369 1723) & Hyde Park Comer/Knightsbridge Hideous Klinky 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm

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(0171-734 2255 (12noon-6pm) ⊕ Leicester Square Butworth 3.15pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm 13,15pm. 7.15pm. 9.30pm 14deous Why 1.45pm, 4pm. 6.45pm. 9pm HBary and Jackle 1pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm x (Pl) 1.15pm, 5.30pm

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GATE NOTTING HILL (0171-727 4043) ⊕ Notting Hill Gate Hilary and Jackle 4.20pm. 8.50pm Little Voice 2.20pm.

(0171-734 1506) O Piccadilly Circus Dobermann 2pm. 4.15pm. 5.30pm, 8.45pm Pecker 3pm. Spm. 7pm. 9pm NOTTING HILL CORONET

(0171-727 6705) @ Notting Hill Gate Shakespeare in 2.45pm, S.45pm, 8.30pm

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ODEON CAMDEN TOWN (08705-050007) & Camden Town A Bug's Life 12noon, 2.20pm, 4.35pm, 6.45pm, 9.05pm Little Volce 11.50am, 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.35pm, 8.45pm Pecker 12.50pm, 2.45pm, 4.45pm, 6.55pm, 9.10pm Shakespeare in Love 12.10pm, 2,50pm, 5,45pm, 8.35pm Stepmom 12,20pm, 6,30pm Very

ODEON KENSINGTON (08705-050007) → High Street Kensington A Bug's Life 11.45am, 4.45pm, 9.45pm Bulworth 1.15pm, 4pm, 6.45pm, 9.30pm Hillary and Jackle 3.40pm, 6.30pm Little Voke 1.50pm, 4.25pm, 7pm, 9.35pm Practical Magic 12.10pm, 3.10pm, 9.10pm Stepmom 3.25pm, 5.25pm 9.25pm

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(0990-888990) & Piccadilly Circus Babe: Pig in the City 12.40pm Saving Private Ryan 3pm, 7.30pm Star Treic Insurrection 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.30pm The Truman Show 1pm, 3.15pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm Very Bad Things 1.30pm, 3,50pm, 6.20pm, 9pm

(0171-837 8402) & Russell Square The Apple (Sib) 1pm, 2.55pm, 4.50pm, 6.45pm, 8.45pm Hideous Kinky 2.20pm, 4.30pm, 6.40pm, 8.55pm

(0171-733 2229) BR/@ Brixton The Flower of My Secret 2.10pm Hideous Kinky 2.45pm, 4.50pm, Hideous Kinky 2.45pm, 4.50pm, 7.05pm, 9.15pm How Stella Got Her Groove Back 4.10pm, 6.40pm, 9.10pm Little Voice 3pm, 5.15pm, 7.25pm, 9.30pm The Opposite of Sex 2.20pm, 4.40pm, 7pm, 9.20pm (+ Short: Horseshoe) Shakespeare in Love 2pm, 4.25pm, 6.50pm, 9.25pm

SCREEN ON BAKER STREET (0171-935 2772) \oplus Baker Street Hideous Kinky 2.35pm, 4.40pm, 6.55pm, 9.10pm Shakespeare in 6.55pm, 9,10pm Shakespe Love 3,10pm, 6,25pm, 9pm

(0171-226 3520) ♥ Highbury & Islington Shakespeare in Love

(0171-435 3366) ♦ Belsize Park Hilary and Jackie 3.10pm, 6.40pm, 9.10pm

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WARNER VILLAGE WEST END (0171-437 4343) & Leicester Square Bulworth 1pm, 3.30pm, 6.20pm, 9pm How Stella Got Her Groove Back 12.50pm, 3.40pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm Living Out Loud 12.40pm, 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.40pm The Mask of Zorro 12.30pm, 3.20pm, 6pm, The Operation of Stella Stella The Operation of Stella Stella

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PARK ROYAL WARNER VILLAGE (0181-896 0066) ← Park Royal A Bug's Life 12,10pm, 2pm, 2.30pm. 4.20pm, 4.50pm, 6.30pm, 7.10pm, 8.40pm, 9.35pm Enemy of the State 1.30pm, 1.10pm, 7pm, 9.50pm How Stella Got Her Groove Back 12 noon, 3pm, 6pm, 8.55pm Little Voice 4.30pm, 9.10pm The Parent Trap 2.20pm, 5.05pm Practical Magic 2.10pm. 5.05pm Practical Magic 2.10pm, 6.50pm Shakespeare in Love 1pm, 3,40pm, 6.20pm, 9.20pm The Siege 7.40pm, 10.10pm Stepmom 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm Very Bad Things 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7.30pm. 10pm

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RECKENHAM ABC (0870 9020412) BR: Beckenham Junction A Bug's Life 2.10pm, 4.20pm 6.30pm, 8.40pm Little Voice 1.40pm 6.20pm, 8.50pm Shakespeare in Love 2pm, 5.40pm, 8.30pm Snake Eyes

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BROMLEY ODEON (08705 050007) BR: Bromley North/Bromley South A Bug's Life 12noon, 2.15pm, 4.30pm, 6.45pm, 9pm Little Voice 2.5pm, 4.40pm, 6.50pm, 9.05pm Shakespeare in Love 12.25pm, Shakespeare in Love 12.25pm, 3.05pm, 5.50pm, 8.35pm Stepmom

ABC (0181-698 3306) BR: Catford A Bug's Life 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm Bulworth 2.15pm, 5.45pm, 8.30pm

FAIRFIELD HALLS (0181-688 9291) BR: East Croydon Dancing At Lughnasa 7,45pm

WARNER VILLAGE (0171-604 3110) & Finchley Road A Bug's Life 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.15pm, 10.30pm Bulworth 5.05pm, 9.50pm Enemy of the State 4.10pm, 9.40pm Little Volce 1.50pm, 7pm The Op-posite of Sex 2.10pm, 4.40pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm Practical Magic 2pm, 4.50pm, 7.20pm, 10pm Shakespeare in Love 12.40pm. Shakespeare in Love 12.40pm, 3.20pm, 6.15pm, 9.10pm Stepmom 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.40pm Two Girls And A Guy 12.50pm, 2.50pm, 7.30pm Very Bad Things 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm Croydon. A Bug's Life 5.40pm, 8pm Buhvorth 5.30pm, 8.30pm Hum Aspke Dil Mein Reite Hain 5.15pm

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VIRGIN (0870-9070718) & Ravenscourt Park/Hammersmith A Bug's Life 1.30pm, 6.20pm, 6.20pm, 6.30pm Little Voice 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.20pm The Prince of Egypt 1.30pm Shakespeare in Love 12.50pm, 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 9.10pm Stepmom 12.40pm 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.40pm

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KILBURN THE TRICYCLE CINEMA (0171-328 1000) & Kilburn Hideous Kinky 6.30pm, 6.45pm

KINGSTON ABC OPTIONS (0870-9020409) AR: Kingston A Bug's Life 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm Little Voice 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm Shakespeare in Love 2.10pm, 5.25pm, 8.10pm

MUSWELL HILL ODEON (08705 050007) @ Highgate A Bug's Life 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7pm. 9.05pm Shakespeare in Love 12.55pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Stepmom 1pm, 3.35pm, 6.05pm,

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ABC (0870-9020407) BR: Purley A Bug's Life 6pm, 8.40pm Little Voice 6.10pm, 8.30pm Shakespeare in Love 2,10pm, 5.10pm, 8.10pm

ABC (0870 9020401) BR: Putney/@ Putney Bridge Little Voice 1.15pm. 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.35pm Shakeare in Love 2.15pm, 5.15pm.

RICHMOND ODEON (08705 050007) BR/O Richmond A Bug's Life 12.10pm, 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm Little Voice 2pm, 4.20pm, 6.50pm, 9.20pm Shakespeare in Love 12.30pm, 3.20pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm

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BEXLEYKEATH CINEWORLD (0181-303 1550) BR:

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THE SCREEN AT WALTON (01932-25/2925) BR Walton on Thames Shakespeare in Love 3 10pm, 6pm, Stepmom 2.50pm.

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WOODFORD ABC (0181-989 3463) South Woodford A Bug's Life 1,40pm 4gm. 6 20pm. 8 40pm Little Voic 10pm, 4 20pm, 6 30pm, 8,40pm

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CINEMA REPERTORY

CINE LUMIERE Queensherry Place SW7 (0171-838 2144-2146) A Double Tour (NC) 6.30pm Parfait

KA 1he Mall, 5WI (0171-930) 3647) A Scene at the Sea (NC) 5pm, 7pm, 9pm A Matter of Life cissus (PG) 9.15pm

NFT South Bank, S£1 0171-928 3232 My Name is Joe | 15 | 2.30pm Epidemic [15] 6.20pm The Stationmaster's Wife (Botwieser) (18) 6.30pm The Rat Catchers and the Spies: Television (NC) 7.30pm Rounders [15] 8 40pm

6789) Hideous Klnky (15) 2.15pm. 4.30cm. 6.45pm. 9pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place, WC2 (0171-437 8181) The Last Days of Disco [15] 1.30pm Antz [PG] 4pm Sliding Doors (15) 6.30pm Henry Fool (18) 8.45pm RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Crisp Road. W6 (0171-420 0100) Dekalog 1-4 (PG) 6.30pm

WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE High Street, Brentford, Middlesex (0181-568 1176) Bulworth [18] 5pm, 9pm Year of the Horse (15) 7pm

BRIGHTON DUKE OF YORK'S (01273-602503) Dark Victory INC) 2.15pm Hideous Kinky (15) 4.30pm, 8.45pm Twe Girts and a Guy (18) 6.45pm

BRISTOL WATERSHED (0117-925 3845) The Cow (Krava) (NC) 6pm Pecker [18] 6.05pm, 8.20pm Hideous Kinky (15) 8.30pm

ARTS (01223-504444) The Oppo-site of Sex (18) 1pm Hideous Kinky [15] 3pm, 9.15pm The Threepenny Opera (NC) 5pm Classe de Neige (Class Trip) (NC) 7pm

CARDIFF CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666) To Have and Have Not (PG) 7.30pm Pecker (18) 8pm

CINEMA CITY (01603-622047) Fuzury Games (18) 2.30pm, 8.15pm Little Voice (15) 5.45pm

CINEMA COUNTRYWIDE

ABC WHITELADIES ROAD (0117-973 3640); A Bug's Life (U); The Prince of Egypt (U): Shakespeare in Love (15); Star Trek: Insurrection (PG); Very Bad Things (18) ARNOLFINI (0117-9299191); The

Mighty (PG): z (PI) (15)

CINEWORLD THE MOVIES (01275-831099); The Adventures of Pinociclio (U); Antz (PG); Babe: Pig In the City (U); A Bug's Life (U); Bulworth (18); Elizabeth (15); Enemy of the State (15); Hum Aapke Dil of the State (1S): Hum Aapke Dil Mein Rehte Haln (U); Aa Ab Laut Chalen (pg): Litzle Voice (15): The Mask of Zorro (PG): Meet Joe Black (12): Mrs Doubtfire (PG): The Parent Trap (PG); Practical Magic (12): The Prince of Egypt (U); Psy-cho (15): Rush Hour (15); Shake-speare in Love (15): The Siege (15): Star Trek: Insurrection (PG): Step-mom (12); Very Bad Things (18)

ODEON (08705-050007); A Bug's of the State (15); Mulan (U); The Parent Trap (PG); Practical Magic (12); Stepmom (12)

ORPHEUS HENLEAZE (0117-962 1644): A Bug's Life (U): Elizabeth (15): Little Voice (15): The Parent Trap (PG): The Prince of Egypt (U)

SHOWCASE (0117-9723800); Antz (PG); A Bug's Life (U); Enemy of the State (15); Hideous Kinky (15); How Stella Got Her Groove Back (15); Little Voice (15); Living Out Loud (15); The Mask of Zorro (PG); Meet (15); The Mask of Zorro (PG); Meet Joe Black (12); The Opposite of Sex (18); The Parent Trap (PG); Practical Magic (12); The Prince of Egypt (U); Shakespeare in Love (15); Star Trek; Insurrection (PG); Stepmom (12); Very Bad Things (18)

WARNER VILLAGE (0117-950 City (U); Blade (18); A Bug's Life (U): Enemy of the State (15): How Stella Got Her Groove Back (15); Little Voice (15): The Mask of Zon ro (PG): Meet Joe Black (12); Mulan (U): The Parent Trap (PG): Practical Magic (12): The Prince of Egypt (U): Rush Hour (15): Saving ite Rvan (15): Sha Love (15); The Siege (15); Star Trek: Insurrection (PG); Stepmon

ABC (01705-823538); Antz (PG): Bulworth (18]: Meet Joe Black (12): The Prince of Egypt (U): Shakespeare in Love (15): Star surrection (PG): Two Girls

And A Guy (18) ODEON (08705-050007); A Bug's Life (U): Dr Dollttle (PG); Enemy of the State (15): George of the Jungle (U): Mulan (U): The Parent Trap (PG): Practical Magic (12): The Prince of Egypt (U): Small Soldiers (PG): Steppener (12): Mer. Bad (PG); Stepmom (12): Very Bad

JCI 6 (0990-888990); Antz (PG): Babe: Pig in the City (U): A Bug's Life (U): Enemy of the State (15): Little Voice (15): The Parent Trap (PG): Practical Magic (12): The Prince of Egypt (U): Saving Private Ryan (15): Shakespeare in Love (15); Star Trek: Insurrection (PG); Step-

READING ABC (0870-9020417); Antz (PG); Babe: Fig in the City (U); Meet Joe Black (12): Shakespeare in Love (15); Star Trek: insurrection (PG); Very Bad Things (18)

FILM THEATRE (0118-986 8497): Henry Fool (18); Scream 2 (18); Velvet Goldmine (18)

ODEON (08705-050007); A Bug's Life (U); Or Dolittle (PG); Enemy of the State (15); Mulan (U); The Parent Trap (PG): Practical Magic (12):

SHOWCASE (0118-974 7711): A Bug's Life (U): Enemy of the State (15); Hideous Kinky (15); How Stella Got Her Groove Back 15); Little Voice (15): Living Out Loud (15); Meet Joe Black (12); The Opposite of Sex (18); Practical Magic (12); The Prince of Egypt speare in Love (15): Star Trek; Insurrection (PG); Stepmom (12): Very Bad Things (18)

CINEWORLD (01793-420710); The Adventures of Pinocchio (U); Antz (PG): Babe: Pig in the City (U); A Bug's Life (U); Enemy of the State (15); Hum Aapke Dil Mein Rehte Hain (U); Little Voice (15); The Mask of Zorro (PG); Meet Joe Black (12); Mehndi (PG); Les Miserables (12); Mrs Doubtfire (PG); The Opposite of Sex (18): The Parent Trap (PG): Practical Magic (12): The Prince of Egypt (U); Shakespeare in Love (15): The Siege (15); Star Trek: insur-rection (PG); Stepmom (12); Very Bad Things (18)

VIRGIN (0541-555134): Babe: Plg in the City (U): A Bug's Life (U): China Gate (NC): Enemy of the State (15): Little Voice (15): The Mask of Zorro (PG): The Prance of Egypt (U): Small Soldlers (PG): Star Teak: Integrated (PG): Star Teak: Integrated (PG): PG): Egypt (U): Small Soldlers (PG): Star Trek: Insurrection (PG): Stepmom (12): Very Bad Things (18)

THEATRE WEST END

day; dmes and prices for the week; running times include intervals. Seats at all prices) — Seats at some prices O — Returns only Matinees — [1]: Sun, [3]: Tue, [4]: Wed, [5]: Thur, [6]: FrI, [7]: Sat

I ALARMS AND EXCURSIONS Michael Frayn's new comedy about a dinner party which is interrupted by mysterious messages stars Fe-licity Kendal and Josie Lawrence. Gielgud Theatre Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £19.50-£27.50 £12.50-£17.50 (restricted views). 130 mins.

DAMADEUS David Suchet stars as Salieri in Peter Shaffer's acclaimed drama. Old Vic The Cut. SE1 (0171-928 7616/cc 420 0000) BR/O Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4]]7) 2.30pm, £7.50-£30. 180 mlns,

ANNIE Rags to riches story of the optimistic orphan. Victoria Palace Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317) BR/& Victoria. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, (4)[7) 2.30pm, [1) 4pm, £7.50-£32.50, 165 mins.

ART Tom Mannion, Danny Webb, Gary Olsen in Yasmina Reza's comedy about art and friendship. Wyn-dham's Theatre Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736/cc 0171-867 1111) & Lek Sq. Tue-Sat 8.00pm, [4] 3.00pm, [7]]1] 5.00pm, £9.50-£27.50. 90 mins. BEAUTY AND THE BEAST LAV-

ish family musical based on Disney's cartoon version of the favourite fairy tale, Dominion Theatre Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) & Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4)]7) 2.30pm, £18.50-£35. 150 mins. BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Russell's long-running Liverpool musical melodrama. Phoenix Theatre

Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-359 1733) Leic Sq/fott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5] 3.00pm, [7] 4.00pm, £11.50-£32,50, 165 mins.

● BUDDY Musical biog-show brac-ing the brief life of Buddy Helly. 5trand Theatre Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800) ⊕ Covent Garden/Charing X. Tue-Thu 8.00pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5.00pm & 8.30pm, mats [1] 4pm, £10-£27, half price Friday madnees, 160 DCATS Lloyd Webber's musical ver-

ion of TS Eliot's poems. New London Theatre Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0072/cc 0171-404 4079) & Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [3[[7] 3.00pm, £12.50-£35. 165 mins. CHICAGO Maria Friedman and

Peter Davison star in this hit Broad-way musical. Adelphi Theatre Maidn Lane, WC2 (0171-344 0055) & Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4][7] 3pm, £16-£36 (inc booking fee). 130 **O** THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF

AMERICA (ABRIDGED) Reduced Shakespeare Company's keenly-paced theatrical history lesson, Cri-terion Theatre Piccadilly Grous, WI (0171-369 1747) ⊕ Picc Circ. Tue 8.00pm, £6-£25. 120 mins. O COPENHAGEN New drama

from Michael Frayn about the discovery of the atom. Duchess Theatre Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075/cc 0171-344 4444) & Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, £15-£30, 145 mins.

wise comedy about the sexes. Apolto Theatre Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) & Picc Circ. n-Fri 8pm, Sat 6pm & 8.45pm, £10-£25, concs available. O DR DOLITTLE Phillip Schofield

talks to the animals in this new stage adaptation featuring Jim Henson Puppets, London Apollo Ham-mersmith Queen Caroline Street, W6 (0171-416 6022) + Hamm Tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32,50, 150 mins.

FILUMENA Judi Dench and Michael Pennington star in Timber-lake Wertenbaker's new translation of Eduardo de Filippo's play. Piccadilly Theatre Denman Street. W1 (0171-369 1734) & Picc Circ. In rep. tonight 8pm, ends 27 Feb, £12-£30. 120 mins.

 GREASE Energetic stage version of the hit film. Cambridge Theatre Eartham Street. WC2 (0171-494) 30pm, (4[(7] 3.00pm, £10-£30.

 AN IDEAL HUSBAND Christopher Cazenove and Susannah York in Peter Hall's acclaimed production of Wilde's comedy. Lyn or wide's comedy, tyric Theatre Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) ♦ Picc Girc. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (4] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £8.50-£29.50. 165 mins.

I AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen Daldry's widely-acclaimed produc-tion of JB Priestley's thriller Garrick Theatre Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) & Leic Sq. Moni 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm, [4] 30pm, (7] 5.00pm, £12-£29.50.

O INTO THE WOODS Southeim Lapine's acclaimed musical ed on fairytales. Domnar Warehouse Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) & Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7,30pm, [4][7] 2,30pm,

THE KISSING DANCE OR SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER Buriesque musical comedy. Lyric Hammer-smith King Street, W6 (0181-741 7.30pm, £10-£15, concs £5-£7.50.

INTILE MALCOLM AND HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE EU-NUCHS Ewan McGregor stars as the revolutionary activist in David Halliwell's drama. Comedy Theatre Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) O Picc Circ/Leic So. Mon-Sat

8pm, [5[[7] 3pm, £7-£27.50. THE MEMORY OF WATER Aliin this touching comedy about three sisters returning home for their mother's funeral. Vaudeville Theatre Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987) BR/O Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm. [5]]7[3pm, £8-£27.50.

LES MISERABLES Musical dramatisation of Victor Hugo's mas-terpiece. Palace Theatre Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-434 0909) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, E7-E35. 195 min

 MISS SAIGON Musical which re-sets the Madam Butterfly tragedy to Sets the Manam Butterny tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5060) & Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4)[7] 3.00pm, £5.75-£35. 165 mins.

THE MOUSETRAP Agains Christie's whodunnit which just keeps on running. St Martin's The-arre West Street, WC2 (0171-836 [3] 2.45pm, [7] 5.00pm, £10-£24.50, 135 mins.

 OKLAHOMA! Maureen Lipman stars in the National's acclaimed pro-duction of Rodgers and Hammerstein's cowboy v farmhand musical Lycoun Theatre Wellington Street, WC2 (0870-606 3446/cc 606 6446) Charing X/Embankment, Mon-Sat

O THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical Her Majesty's Theatre Haymarket, SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 0171-344 4444) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4][7] 3.00pm, £10-£35. 150 mins. RESNT Musical inspired by La Bo-

eme and set in modern day New York, Shaftesbury Theatre Shaftes-bury Avenue, WC2 (07000-211221) Holborn/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4](7) 3pm, £12.50-£32.50.160 mins, RICHARD III Robert Lindsay stars

as the historical villain. Sayoy The-atre Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 0171-836 0479) & Char-ing X/Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, (7] 2.30pm, £10-£27.50. ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE

NOTAL RATIONAL THEATRE BOLVERS Peter Pan Stephen Otiver's music accompanies the tale of the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up, with Michael Bryant as the Story-teller in rep, tonight 7.15pm, ends • LYTTELION: Berrayal Pinter's defining work depicts a menage a trois and stars Imogen Stubbs and Douglas Hodge. In rep. today 2.15pm & 7.30pm, ends 7 Apr. 90

● COTTESLOE: The Riot Nick Darke's drama from Kneehigh The-stre. In rep. tonight 7.30pm. Oliv-er & Lyttelton: £8-£27. Cottesloe: £12-£17. NT2000: £4. concs £3.

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY O THE BARBICAN: The Tempest Adrian Noble directs Shakespeare's romance drama. In rep, tonight 7.15pm, 165 mins.

• THE PIT: Shadows: Riders To The PII: Shadows: Riders to The Sea & The Shadow of The Glen & Purgatory Triple-bill of drama by WB Yeats and JM Synge. In rep, tonight 8pm, ends 27 Mar. Barbi-can Theatre; £5-£26. The PII: £11-£18.50. Barbican Centre, £C2 (0171-638 8891).

THE YOUNG VIC: Talk Of The City Stephen Polishoff's drams explores media control in the early days of TV and radia, in rep. tonight 7.15pm. Young Vic. £5-£26. The Cut. SE1 (0171-928 6363). BR/O Waterloo. I SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit

Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia tondon Palladhum Argyll Street, WI (0171-494 5020) & Oxford Circ, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 135 mins. • STARLIGHT EXPRESS Andrew Lloyd Webber's hi-tech roller-musi-cal Apollo Victoria Wilton Road, SW1 (0171-416 6070) BR/© Vic-

1970s musical featuring legendary songs and three new tracks by the

toria. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [3][7] 3.00pm. £12.50-£30. 150 mins. OTHE STREET OF CROCODILES Bruno Scultz's short stories provide the inspiration for Theatre de Comdrama. Queen's Theatre Shaftesbury

Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040/oc 0171-344 4444) & Picc Circ. Tue-Sat 8pm, [7] 3pm, [1) 5pm, ends 20 Feb, £6-£25. VASSA Howard Davies directs a new stage version of Maxim Gorky's tale of a matriarch and her downtale of a martiarts and her own-trodded family. Albery Theatre St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) & Lek Sq. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 3pm, ends 27 Mar. £5-£29.50.

THE WEIR Copor McPherson's frama is set in Ireland and examines ideas of ghosts and angels. Royal Court Theatre Downstairs Jat the Duke Of York's) St Martin's Lane

WC2 (0171-565 5000) & Leic Sq/Charing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4)[7] 3.30pm, E5-E25. 90 mins. • WEST SIDE STORY Brand new production of Bernstein's classic musical, attempting to recreate the feel of the original Broadway hit

Prince of Wales Theatre Coventry Street, W1 (0171-8395972) & Le-ic Sq/Picc Grc. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £18.50-£35, 160 mins. O WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND Lloyd Webber's new musical based on the film of the same name about two children who mistake an escaped convict for Jesus, Aldwych Theatre Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc

0171-836 2428) & Holborn, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50, 120 mins, THE WOMAN IN BLACK Susun Hill's chilling ghost story. For tune Theatre Russell Street, WCZ (0171-836 2238/cc 0171-344 4444) & 8pm. [3] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £8.50-£23.50. 110 mins.

THEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

LIMEDA THEATRE Certain Young Men Peter Gil's comedy of con-temporary manners looks at the ity and the modern man Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Sat 3pm, ends 20 Feb. £9.50-£19.50, concs av 4404) O Angel/Highbury and Is-

GATE THEATRE Intimate Death Stage adaptation of French psy-chologist De Hennezel's diaries. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 13 Feb. £10, concs £6. Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706) & Notting Hill

KING'S HEAD, ISLINGTON The Vagina Monologues Eve Engler performs her own acclaimed off-Broadway hit. Tue-Sat 8pm, mats Sat Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916) Angel/Highbury & Islington.

BARNSTAPLE OUEEN'S THEATRE On the Razzie Tom Stoppard's farce is set in 1850s Vienna, Mon-Wed 2.30pm & 7.45pm, ends 10 Feb. £6-£10

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THEATRE

COUNTRYWIDE

Lyric Theodre Studio, London W6 (0181-741 2311) to 6 Mar

HAYMARKET THEATRE The Seag-uil Chekhov's last play about a Buss-ian family valuly trying to protect their beloved estate as they lirch to-wards bankruptcy. Tue-Sat 7.45pm, ends 13 Feb. £9.50-£15.50, concs

FOLLOWING THE release of an exlectic mix of B-sides

and various on their album Out Spoosi, the filesyncratic band Super Furry Animals (signal have amounced dates for their forthcoming four The group weave-their way

around the country with energetic times such as "Something 4 the Weekend" and Demons, as well as

some new offerings. The success of their many mini-testival gas last summer suggests that a sell-out tour

is in the offing Civic Hall, Wolnethompion, 28 Apr. Apollo Theatre, Manchester, 29 Apr. Barrowlands, Clasgon, 30 Apr. Com

Exchange Combridge 2 May Tickels (#15-912-9158

THE HARBERS OF SURBEAL CAR ONLY be described as

a play which celebrates the weird and wonderful, and

stretches the bounds of the imagination towards the

incomprehensible. Fantastically ridictions, the play

returns to the Lyric Studio in Hammersmith for a brief

run. Forkbeard Fantasy's creations, which include a

chain-smoking, exclab rabbit and an egg shampon which, got out on the wrong side of bed, are bound to attract

THEATRE ROYAL Macbeth Birfus Sewell stars in Shakespeare's greatest tragedy. Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Fri-Set 8pm, ends 13 Feb. £10-£23.50 Sawdose (01225-448844) BRISTOL

an intrigued andience.

THEATRE ROYAL Bives Brother Soul Sisters Buby Turner stars in this feel-good soul musical. Times vary, phone for details, ends 6 Mar Phone for prices King Street (0) 17-987 7877)

is in the offing.

Last Call

BASINGSTOKE

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GUILDHALL ARTS CENTRE Andent Mariners Play about the long but in-creasingly bitter friendship between poets William Wordsworth and Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Tonight 7.30pm. £6.50, concs £5 Easrgate Street (01452-505089]

YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE THE Prisoner of Second Avenue Richard Dreyfuss and Marsha Mason star in Neil Simon's comedy about a mid-life crisis. Mon-Thur 7.45pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, mats Thur & Sat, 2,30pm, ends 13 Feb. £10-£21,50, concs available Millbrook (01483-440000)

NEWBURY WATERMILL THEATRE More Talking Heads Janet Brown, Patricia England and Sophie Lawrence bring Alan Bennett's superb monologues to life. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thur & Sat 2.30pm, ends 13 Mar. £6-

ROYAL THEATRE Dombey and Son Michael Napier Brown's adapson microses respect prowns scap-tation of Dickens's novel about a man's obsession with his new son and ins rejection of his daughter. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thur 2.30pm, Sat 5pm, ends 6 Mar, £4-£14.50 Guildhall Road (01604-632 533)

£16.50 Bagnor (01635-46044)

COCFORD PLAYHOUSE THEATRE Making Noise Quietly Robert Holman's se ries of short pieces depicting encounters between strangers in the shadow of war. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ands 13 Feb. £6-£13 Beaumoni

SALISBURY SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE Blithe Spirit Noel Coward's contedy, about man haunted by the spirit of his lead wife, is revived for his centenary. Mon-Wed 7,30pm, Thur-Sat 8pm, ends 13 Feb. E9-£15 Malthouse Lane (01722-320333)

SOUTHAMPTON NUFFIELD THEATRE Earth and Sky Thriller about a librarian who thin she knows her boyfriend well - until there is a murder and his murky past is revealed. Sam Janus stars. Mon-Thur 7.30pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, ends 27 Feb. £5.95-£12.50, concs available University Road (01703-671771)

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe Adrian Noble directs Adrian Mitchell's adaptation of the CS Lewis Namia classic. Today 1.30pm & 7.15pm, ends 27 Feb. E5-£30

SWAN THEATRE A Month in the Country Brian Friel's adaptation of Turgenev's portrait of all-consuming sexual desire. Michael Attenbor-ough directs. Tonight 7.30pm, ends 20 Feb. £5-£30

THE BREWHOUSE That'll Be the Day Musical taking audiences through 20 years of pop music, from the 1950s to the 1970s. Tonight 7.45pm, ends 10 Feb. £12.50 Coal Orchard (01823-

PALACE THEATRE Darkness Falls Double bill of sinister drama from esther Holloway Mon-Thur 7.45om Fri & Sat 8pm, ends 20 Feb, £4-£15.75 rendon Road (01923-225671)

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA CLIFFS PAVILION Popcorn Emma Noble stars in Ben Elton's satire on cinema violence, Mon-Fri Som, Sar 6pm & 9pm, ends 13 Feb. £13.50-£22.50 Station Road [01702-3511351

PALACE THEATRE CENTRE Women on the Verge of HRT Two fortysomething women discuss their situation in life, Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 20 Feb. £5.50-£14.50, concs available London Road (01702-342564) MOKING

NEW VICTORIA THEATRE THE GIN Game Frith Banbury directs Joss Addand and Dorothy Tutin in this sensitive and funny drama which cen-tres around a lengthy game of Gin hummy. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Wed 2.30pm. ends 13 Feb. £6-£16. concs available Peacodis Arts & F tertainments Centre (01483-

WOLVERHAMPTON GRAND THEATRE The Adventures of Robin Hood Spectacular pro-duction starring John Imman, Linda Lusardi and Sam Kane. Tue-Sat 7.15pm. Wed & Thur 2.30pm, ends 13 Feb. £6.50-£16.50, concs available LichField Street (01902-429212) | 5520551

EXHIBITIONS

EIRST-CALL, LAST CALL

BRESTOL ARNOLFINI Accelerator Work by an international group of contempo-rary artists, including Hillary Lloyd, Also Sasao and Sozy Spence, Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12noon-Spm, ends 28 Mar, free. Narrow Quay (0117-929 9191)

REFITON BRUTON GALLERY Forming the Figure Inchaing works by Rodin and Henry Moore. Mon-Fri 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm, ends 20 Mar, free. Stockwell House, Bruton High Street (01749-812205)

FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM The Society of Three: Whistier, Fantin-La-tour and Alphonse Legros Exhibition of drawing and prints ex-amining the common stylistic ground of the three artists. Ends 14 Feb. Pleasso and Marisse Prints, drawings and ceramics from the muse-um's collection. Ends 11 Apr. Recent Acquisidons of Contemporary American Prints Early etchings of the East Coast, lithographs roodculs and screenprints, Tue-Sat Dam-Spm, Sun 2.15pm-5pm, ends 2 May, free, Trumpington Street (01223-332900)

LONDON BARBICAN ART GALLERY Africa by Africa: A Photographic View More than 200 images from sub-Sara-

han Africa.
Picasso and Photography: The Dark Mirror More than 300 works explore the Spanish master's relationship with photography. Mon. Thur-Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tue 10am-5.45pm, Wed 10am-7.45pm, Sun 12noon-6.45pm, ends 29 Mar. £5, concs £3, and the Set £3 for \$5.000. trees, BC2 (0171-638 4141) & Barbican/Moorgate.

DESIGN MUSEUM Mini: Forty Years of a Design Icon Min's designed by celebrities mark the 40th auniversary of the vehicle. Opens Feb 9, Ends 9 May, Modern Britain 1927-1939 Astudy on the important period after the Great War including the work of Francis Bacon, Paul Nash and Barbara Hepworth. Mon-Sun 11.30am-5pm, ends 18 Jul. £5.25, concs £4 (to museum). Shad Thames, 5E1 (0171-378 6055) O Tower HIII/DLR:

HAYWARD GALLERY Patrick Caulfield More than 50 colourful paintings by the leading British artist, Mon. Thur-Sun 10am-6pm Tue & Wed 10am-8pm, ends 11 Apr. £6, concs £4, family £12. Belvedere ad, SE1 (0171-960 4242) 8R/O

NATIONAL GALLERY In the Light of Fra Angelico: Zanobi Strozzi Study exhibition exploring the paint-

ings of the 15th-century artist. Ends 7 Mar. Portraits by Ingres Major exhibition of pointings and drawings by the 19th-century French artist. Mon, Tue, Thur-Sun 10am-6pm, Wed 10am-10pm, ends 25 Apr. £6, concs £4, Wed £4 7pm-10pm, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (0171-747 2885) Charing Cross, Leicester Square.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Monet in the 20th Century Eighty paintings made in the 28 years after 1900. Mon-Thur. Sun 9am-6pm. Fri & Sat 9am-10pm, ends 18 Apr. E9. concs £6. child (12-18) £3, child (8-11) £1.50. Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1 (0171-300 8000/cc 413 1717) @ Green Park.

TATE GALLERY Torner in the Alos Works on paper made on Turner's first Alpine trip in 1802. Ends 14 Feb. in Celebration: The Art of the Country House Paintings and sculpture, including work by Canaletto Stubbs and Holbein, Mon-Sun 1 Cam-5.50pm, ends 28 Feb, free, Millbank, 5W1 (0171-887 8000) & Pimilico.

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM Chinese Silks Brightly coloured 18th and 19th century hangings. Ends 28 Feb. Mineteenth Century French Drawings Recent acquisitions alongside familiar drawings. Ends 28 Feb. The Painterly Brush Oil sketches dating from the 16th to the early 20th tury. Tue-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun i-4pm, ends 21 Mar, free, Beau-2pmmont Street (01865-278000)

ST IVES TATE GALLERY Displays 1998-9: Partnerships and Practice Paintings and ceramics from the second half of the century, plus a selection of contemporary work. Quoit Montserrat: Veronica Ryan Marble sculpture linking St Ives with Montserrat in the West Indies the artist's birthple 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm, ends 11 Apr. £3.50, concs £2. Porthmeor Beach (01736-796226)

Venice Through Canalecto's Eyes Twenty-three paintings and drawings by the Venetian artist. Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, ends 14 Mar, free, Alexandra Road (01792-651738/655006) WOLVERHAMPTON WOLVERHAMPTON ART GALLERY Disesters of War. Callot, Goya, Dix Selections from three artists' war

20 Mar, free. Lichfield Street (01902-

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CLASSICAL

CARDIFF ST DAVID'S HALL London Philiharmonic/Armel Hughes Rach-maninor's 2nd Plano Concerto and Tchainvaly's 5th Symphony. Tonight 7.30pm. 55-622. The Hayes (01222-

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL Academy of St.Martin-in-the Fields/Brown Music for strings by Bartok, Britten and Strauss, Toright 7.45pm. £6-£16. South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/O Waterloo.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL Lesley Garrett's Valentine Special Ro-mantic classics from the popular soprano. Tonight 7.30pm. £10-£30. South Bank. \$E1 (0171-960 4242) BR/& Waterloo.

OPERA

LONDON HACKNEY EMPIRE Tosca Puccini's melodrams in a production by Russian National Opera Stars on tour. Youight 7.30pm. E8-E23.50. Mare Street, E8 (0181-985 2424) 8R:

Verdi's great Realist tragedy in Eng-lish National Opera's acclaimed staging Tonight 7.30pm, £5-£55, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300) & Leloester Square.

DANCE

LONDON COLISEUM La Traviara

MARI OWE THEATRE Richard Alston Dance Company: Triple Bill Includes the new work Red Run. Tonight 7.30pm. £7-£13, concs avallable. The Friars (01227-787787)

LONDON COCK THEATRE Paco Pena Flamenco Presents La Musa Gitan World class flamenco dance, song and guitar Tue-Sat 8pm, mat Sal 3pm, ends 7 Mar, £7.50-£27.50. Portugal Street, WC2 (0171-863 8222) & Holborn/Temple.

PLACE THEATRE National Youth Dance Company Presents: Spectrum Programme devised by six leading contemporary choreographers. Tonight 7.30pm, phone for e's Road, WC1 (0171-387 0031) @ Fuston.

LITERATURE

LONDON

JOHN PRIGER Pilger talks about the events that inspired his book Hidden.

Agendas. Bookmarks, The Social-Ist Bookshop Bloomsbury Street WC1 (0171-637 1848) & Tottenham Court Road, Tonight 6,30pm, Iree by ticket, phone to reserve

PECTATIONS, PART 1 The first of two readings by George Curry, Na-tional Portrait Gallery St. Martins Place WC2 (0171-312 2463) & Charing Cross/Leicester Square. To-AN AUTHOR CALLS - CLAIRE TOMALIN The acclaimed writer reads from her work. Portsmouth

Central Library Guildhall Square (01705-819311) Tonight 7.30pm, COMEDY

THE FEZ COMEDY CLUB AT CADIL LACS Star of BBC's The Real McCoy Pelix Dexter, plus support, MCs Miller & McEvoy, Tonight 8pm, Wal-

ONDON FASCINATING AIDA - BAREFACED CHIC AT THEATRE ROYAL, HAY-MARKET Cabaret trio Dillie Keane. Adele Anderson and Issy Van Rand wyck Mon-Sat 7.45pm, Sat mat 4pm, ends 6 Mar, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) & Piccadilly Cir-CUS, £10-£22.

DAVID BADDIEL ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS AT THE BULL The Fundasy Football star presents his question and answer session as part of the Jewish Arts Focus. Tonight of the Jewish Arts Focus, Tonight Som, High Street, Barnet (0181-449 0048) & High Barnet, £8, concs £6.

CLUBS

SUSST AT THE HONEY CLUB Indie old and new Tonight 10pm-2am, free. King's Road Arches (01273-202807)

BRIGHTON

INDIGO AT MADAME JO JO'S Felchiey Hawizes and DJ Karminsky play easy listening. Tonight 9pm-2am, Brewer Street. W1 (0171-734 2473] & Piccadilly Circus, £7, concs before 10.30pm £5.

EVENTS

CARDIFF TOWARDS A SINGLE CURRENCY TOWARDS A SINGLE CONCENT.

First showing of the British entries
from the coinage design competition
for the European Single Currenty.

National Museum And Gallery
Cathays Park 101222-573473) TueSun 10am-5pm, £4.25, concs £2.50, Sun 10am-5pm, £4.25, concs £2.50, family £9.75, under 5s free (muse-

JEWISH ARTS FOCUS A wide range of arts events drawn from Jewish culture, with theatre, music and comedy The Bull Theatre Gallery Studios High Street (0181-449 0048) • High Barnet. Ends 14 Feb. phone for

SPRINT '99: FESTIVAL OF PHYSICAL VISUAL AND UNUSUAL THEATRE With humour, horror, storytelling and dragons. Camden People's Theatre Hampstead Road NW1 (0171-916 5878) & Camden Town, Ends 13 Feb. phone for de-

BRIGHTON JUNIOR DELGADO Legendary Ja-maican reggae veteran whose col-laborations with the great Lee Perry still inspire respect. Pressure Point Richmond Place (01273-702333)

BRISTOL GAY DAD Literate neo-glamrock outfit tipped for higness in 1999. Fleece & Firldn St. Thomas Street (0117-927 7150) Tonight 8pm, phone for

UK AFRICA Music showerse for bands from the cross-cultural ferment. Cafe de Paris Coventry Street 10pm, £10, concs £6. GILLIAN WELCH AND DAVID

Mojo magazine. Dingwalls Cam-n Lock, Chalk Farm Road NW1 (0171-267 1577) + Camden Town Feb 8 & 9, 7,30pm, £11. BELINDA CARLISLE Giamorous

NWI (0171-916 6060) + Camde FRUIT MACHINE Hard riffing, bi chorused indie rockers. Water Ro

HEATHER NOVA, NAOMI Bertmudan singer and songwriter who's been compared to Tori Amos and Sh-Crow. Alleycat Live Gun Street (0118-956 1116) Tonight 8pm, £6.

LOVEMEN. THE TONE, PORTIS-WOOD Punk rock triple bill featur-ing impressive Japanese headliners. Railway Inn St Paul's Hill (01962-967705). Technology 867795) Tonight 8pm, phone for

MUSIC JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK

LONDON cot Street (01225-464241) £6,

> (0181-876 5241) BR: Barnes Bridge. Tonight 8.30pm, £8.

Junction. Tonight 9pm, £6.

ESBORN SVENSSON TRIO Acclaimed Swedish piano trio. Ptzza Eopress Jazz Ciub Dean Street WI (0171-439 8722) & Tottenham Court Road. Tonight 9pm, £12.50.

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ex-Go Go with new acoustic mater-ial from her latest album, A Woman and a Man. Jazz Cafe Parkway

own. Tonight 8pm, £15-£17.50. THE PERISHERS, MELATONE, Theatre Grav's Inn Road WC1 (0171-284 0077) O/BR: King's

Cross, Tonight 8,30pm, £5, concs £4.

CHARLES DICKENS'S GREAT EX-DRUMMERS OF BURUNDI Influential African drum trompe. The Hexagon Queens Walk (0118-960 6060) Knight 8pm, £12.50-£14.50.

ECHOES OF ELLINGTON Cotton Club tribute outfit. 100 Club Oxford Street W1 (0171-636 0933) & Oxford Circus. Tonight 8pm, phone for

MAN Piano trio double bill 606 Curb Lots Road SW10 (0171-352 5953) & Fulham Broadway. Tonight RENE RAMA Energetic Swedish contemporary jazz and folk big band. Buil's Head Lonsdale Road SW13

HILARY CAMERON, MIKE GOR-

SVEN ZETTERBERG Hot blues from Swedish guitar man, Mean Fiddler Harlesden High Street NW10 (0181-961 5490) BR: Willesden

VIKTORIA TOLSTOY QUARTET Standards to soul vocalist featuring hotly tipped planist Jan Lundgren. Ptzza on the Park Knightsbridge SW1 (0171-235 5273) O Hyde Park Corner. Tonight 9.15pm &

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6.30 Zoe Ball. 9.00 Simon Mayo.

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Pearce, 8.00 Steve Lamacq - the

Evening Session, 10.00 Digital

Update, 10.10 John Peel, 12.00

The Breezeblock 2.00 Clive War-ren. 4.00 - 6.30 Scott Mils.

6.00 Alex Lester, 7.30 Wake Up

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7.00 Alan Freeman: Their Greatest

Bits. 8.00 Nigel Ogden. 9.00 A

Brief History. See Pick of the Day. 10.00 Susan Jeffreys Says Make

it a Double. 10.30 Nicky Home.

10.30 Artist of the Week.

Telemann.
1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Con-

4.45 Music Machine.

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6.00 Big (1988) (34460), 8.00 The

Bomber Boys (1995) (51267), 10.00 The Swan Princess: the Secret of the Castle

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the Secret of the Cestie (1997) (\$5578335).

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SKY PREMIER

(842880), 6.00 Men in Black (1997) (46809).

10.00 Metro (1997) (49895), See Pick of the Day, 12.00 Entertaining Angels (1996)

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SKY MOVEMAX

(1974) (43063), **1.00** Two Much (1996) (54977), **3.00** Suddenly (1996) (75731).

SKY CINEMA

4.00 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (1939) (4499880). 5.30 Hollywood Hall of

(4903045). **5.10** Close.

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

(4707915), 5.30 History's Turning Points (631793), 6.00 Animal Doctor (3638606)

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curity (1996) (4910364), 5,25 - 7,00 Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness on

(#120809). **8.00** Room at the Top (#959) (#125354). **10.00** 100 Years... 100 Movies (457903). **10.55** In Herm's Way (#965) (72963538). **1.40** Town on Triel (#957) (\$154652). **3.20** The Rainbow (#989)

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sion (1982) (3426213), 1.30 Waterdance 1992) (3597869), 3.45 - 6.00 Even Cow-laris Get the Blues (1994) (34261367).

4.00 Rex Hunt Specials (3651557). 4.30 Welker's World (3640441). 5.00 Wheel Nuts

6.30 Advertures of the Quest (8466354).

7.30 The Elegant Solution (5641170), 8.00 Great Escapes (4703199), 8.30 Survivor

(4782606), 9.00 Traiblazers (5353373).

the Planet of the Apes (1974) (90536590).

Fame (3456915). 6.00 Flying Tigers (1942)

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Collected Poems' includes his

- distinguished literary figures.

12.00 Katrina Leskanich. 3.00 -

12.00 Jimmy Young. 2.00 Ed

Stewart, 5.05 Johnnie Walker.

Radcliffe. 4.00 Chris Moyles.

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TUESDAY RADIO

PICK OF THE DAY

IN THE APTLY titled A Brief wasp for the Bristol shoplifters humorous social commentary. Contributors and self-appointed experts include Dame Barbara Cartland and Jacqueline Gold (head of Ann Summers).

9.55 Postscript. Five pro-

grammes celebrating 50 years of

photojournalism from the world's

most famous photo agency. 2:

The Man with a Gun'. A look at

by members of the prestigious

Magnum agency. (R) 10.20 Pollini Plays Chopin. Bar-

carolle in F sharp, Op 60; Polon-

10.45 Night Waves. 'Even errors can produce interesting side ef-

fects, claims Umberto Eco in a

new book exploring the lunatic

theories behind some of history's

major movements. Richard Coles

'Serendipities'. Plus a review of 'Le

vita e bella', winner of last year's

Roberto Benigni's film is e roman-

tic story set against the Fascism

12.00 Composer of the Week;

1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night.

9.00 NEWS; No Triumph, No

10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour.

11.30 Coming Alive. 12.00 NEWS; You end Yours.

Grand Jury Prize at Cannes.

alse in F sharp minor, Op 44.

Maurizio Pollini (piano).

and guests discuss Eco's

of 30s Italy.

Liszt (R)

RADIO 4

6.00 Today.

Tragedy.

11.30 Jazz Notes.

(924-946MHz FM)

9.30 The New Recruit.

9.45 Serial: The Tulip.

11.00 NEWS; Nature.

1.00 The World at One.

12.57 Weather.

half e century of war photography

History (9pm R2), Honor featured in the Afternoon Play Blackman (right) embroiders - On the Rob (2.15pm R4). some skimpy research about Rachel Bentham's docu-drama knickers down the ages with intercuts real confessionals with that of a fictional widow, played by Anna Massey

Meanwhile, File on 4 (8pm R4) asks what happened to New Labour's promise of "a new life Underwear is just one of the for animals". Good question. items that acts like honey to a DOMINIC CAVENDISH



1.30 My Mistress Music. 2.00 NEWS; The Archers. 2.15 Afternoon Play: On the Rob. See Pick of the Day. 3.00 NEWS; The Exchange: 0870 010 0444.

3.30 Going, Going, Gone. 3.45 This Sceptred isle. 4.00 NEWS; The Learning Curve. 4.30 Shop Talk. 5.00 PM. 5.57 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News.

6.30 The Cheese Shop Presents the Butter Factor. 7.00 NEWS; The Archers. 7.15 Front Row. John Wilson with the arts programme, including news and comment on this year's Oscar nominations, announced to-

7.45 Speaking for Themselves. Dramatised excerpts from the letters of Britain's great wartime leader and his wife Clementine, taken from the newly published collection edited by their daughter, Mary Soames. With Alex Jennings as Winston, Sylvestra le Touzel as Clementine, and Helen Bourne as

the narrator (7/10). 8.00 NEWS; File on 4. After the Government's decision not to set up a Royal Commission on animal testing, Julian O'Halloran Investigates the vivisection business. How many of the two-and-a-half million experiments carried out in Britain each year really advance the cause of science? See Pick of 8.40 in Touch. Peter White with

news for visually impaired people.

SATELLITE AND CABLE

PICK OF THE DAY

QUITE RIGHTLY acclaimed, Since bursting onto the scene

The Civil War (10pm History in films such as Trading Places

9.00 NEWS; Behind the Brain. The Battle for Consciousness'. in the last 20 years, technology has revolutionized our understanding of the mind. Several leading scientists now believe they know how consciousness comes about. In the eecond of four programmes, Geoff Watts Investigatee the race to find the Holy Grail of neuroscience.

9.30 No Triumph, No Tragedy. The last of six programmes in which disabled achievers in the United States talk to Peter White. 10.00 The World Tonight. With Justin Webb.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Mark Twain Stories, Comedy star Kelsey Grammer reads five tales by the master storyteller, abridged by Duncan Minshull 2; The Facts in the Great Beef Contract'. A piece of bureaucracy plays havoc with those involved. (R) 11.00 NEWS; Angus Deayton's History of Alternative Cornedy. The second instalment of Deay-

ton's four-part exploration of alternative comedy features Ben Ellon, French and Saunders, Tracey Ullman and Rik Mayall. 11.30 Talking Pictures 12.00 News. 12.30 Late Book: Lemona's Tale. 12.48 Shipping Forecast.

1.00 As World Service 5-30 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today. RADIO 4 LW (198kHz) 9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service. 12.00 - 12.04 News Headlines; Shipping Forecast. 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast, 11.30 - 12.00

Today in Parliament **RADIO 5 LIVE** (693, 909kHz MW) 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Nicky Campbell. 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Ruscoe and Co. 4.00 Drive. 7.00 News Extra.

7.30 The Tuesday Match, Russell Fuller presents coverage of the night's under-21 international between England and France. 10.00 Late Night Live. The day's big stories with Nick Robinson, Including 10.30 e full sports roundup. 11.00 News and finance. And

between 1130 and 100 a sharp

and spirited late-night topical dis-

CUSSION 1.00 Up All Night. 5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports. CLASSIC FM

(100.0-101.9MHz FM 1 6.00 Nick Beiley. 8.00 Henry Kelly, 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick, 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert. 11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Griffiths. VIRGIN RADIO

(1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 1058MHz FM) 6.30 Chris Evans. 9.30 Mark Forrest. 1.00 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Harriet Scott. 7.30 Pete & Geoff. 10.00 James Merritt. 1.00 Steve Power. 4.30 - 6.30 Richard Allen. **WORLD SERVICE RADIO**

(198kHz LW) 1.00 The World Today. 1.30 On Screen. 1.45 Record News. 2.00 The World Today, 2.30 Women Who Dared to Speak. 3.00 The World Today. 3.20 Sports Roundup, 3.30 World Business Report. 3.45 Insight. 4.00 -7.00 The World Today (4.00-7.00).

TALK RADIO 6.00 Big Boys Breakfast with David Banks & Nick Ferrari. 9.00 Scott Chisholm, 1.00 Anna Raeburn, 3.00 Peter Deeley. 5.00 The SportZone. 7.00 Eubank's People. 8.00 James Whale 100 - 6.00 lan Collins.

7.00 2point4 Children (3290460), 7.40

Ded's Army (7414002), 8.20 The Detecth

6909809), 9.00 Red Dwarf IV (9618199).

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BN (7105039). 1155 The BN (7195652). 1145

Spender (3589671). 2.45 - 7.00 Shopping

Johnson (83845002). 6.30 Philbert the Frog

(9653064), 7.30 Callou (1001644), 7.35 Bug

96), 8.00 Barney and Friends

4353373), 8.25 Babaloos (1868793), 8.30

Callou (8146809), 8.35 Tiny and Crew

Alert (7807977). 7.55 Practical Parenting

(12983489). **6.40** Tiny Tales (84373644).

6.00 Tiny and Crew (3/938/31), 6.20

6.45 Greedysaurus and the Gang

(84372915). 6.50 Polka Dot Shorts

(5012880). 7.05 Professor Bubble

84353880 7.00 Practical Parenting

with Screenshop (54631720).

INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

CHESS

JON SPEELMAN

IN THE perfectly justified brouhaha over the wonderful tournament at Wijk aan Zee, sight seems to have been lost - or rather I certainly lost sight of - the fact that here were many other gradated sections, including a far from weak Grandmaster B tournament.

This 11-round event, which averaged 2,520 (category 11), started three days after the main tournament and, with one rest day fewer, was timed to finish simultaneously on 31 January.

After a run of five straight wins in the middle - which would be pretty special were it not so overshadowed by Kasparov's seven - the pre-tournament favourite, the Armenian Smhat Loutian, ran out the clear winner on 8.5/11. He was followed by tall Dutch unless otherwise labelled) Leitao (Brazil) 7.5, Ionov (Russia) and Van der Wiel 7, Glek (Russia) and Nijboer 6.5, De Vreugt 5, Brodsky (Ukraine) 4.5, Christian Bauer (France) - the victor of the Andorra zonal but out of sorts here - and Janssen 4, Bosch 3 and Van

den Doel just 2.5. Lputian, who has a deep voice and somewhat saturnine appearance but belies these with a very pleasant personality away from the board, is a rather defensive-minded positional player, strong in defence and with excellent technique. Most of his games in Wilk were fairly routine. But certainly not this against a potentially very dangerous attacking player.

In the opening, 12 Kd2 was extraordinary. I think that the idea was to prepare 12 ... Bxh4 13 Nxh3 Rxh5 14 g3 Rh8 15 gxh4 Rxh4 16 Rxh4 Qxh4 17 Qh1 when if Qxf2+ 18 Be2

White has dangerous play. 19 Rb1 threatened 20 Nxb3 - not

19 Nxb5 axb5 20 Qxb5 Rb8. 29 ...Qxg3 must be better, 30 Qb2+ when Qe5 31 Qxe5+ dxe5 32 Be4! Bxc4 33 Rc1 Rd8+ 34 Kc1 Bd3 35 Bh7! is far from clear; but the messy 30 ...f6 looks right and if 31 Qh7+ Bf7 Black is probably first, eg 32 a6 d5 33 Re1 Rb8!

White: Smbat Lputian Black: Friso Nijboer Wijk aan Zee B 1999 (Round 8) Trompowsky

1 d4 Nf6 22 Rh1 QdS 2 Bg5 e6 23 Oxa6 Bxh4 3 e3 h6 24 Oa7 Kg7 4 Bh4 d6 25 at Bxg3 5 c4 g5 26 fxg3 c5 6 Bg3 Nc4 27 a5 Qg5 7 Ne2 h5 28 Qb6 Qc5 29 c4 d5 8 h4 Nxe3 30 Qxc5 Rd8 9 Nxg3 g4 10 Nc3 Be7 31 Qd4 f6 11 Bd3 Nc6 32 Oxe5 fxe5 12 Kd2 Rd7 33 c5 e4 13 Rh2 a6 34 Bc2 d4 35 exd4 Rxd4+ 14 a3 Na7 15 d5 b5 36 Ke3 Ra4 16 dxc6 Bxe6 37 a6 Ki6 17 cxb5 Nxb5 38 Rxh5 RG 18 Oa4 Kf8 39 Kf4 e3+ 19 Rb1Nxc3 40 Kxc3 Kc5

CREATIVITY

20 bxc3 Rb8

21 Rxb8 Oxb8

FURTHER RESIGNATIONS rock Eddie George to declare an inter-Blair Government, Perspicacious readers reveal all in a candid Exchange of Letters.

"Politician and Baby in Kissand-Yell Drama!" screams Ed Lyons, "Snogging the Sprog!" shouts TAB Lloyd. "Moscow Gold!" thunders Daley Mayall, who, paradoxically has a Letter from Xeno. "Vee hev - ze prufe!" says a gutteral Presbyterian O Sawyer "US wrecks First Daughter's Stalkers" writes Alice Stir-Cook, reporting how five senior ministers, who admit to following Chelsea, have all now gone.

James A Kelly has the Lord Chancellor Woolsacked, caught wearing an apron, claiming "Only Straw hanished when the Food Agency tests the home-made hash hrownies he feeds to colleagues; and John Prescott getting the hump oo finding he is not going to he king. Dobson and Cook go, as The Sun reveals Frank was supplying non-priority Rohin with Viagra.

Duncan Bull has PM and Chancellor resign for coming to a private housing arrangement at Nos 10 and 11, and Andrew Duncan has the Foreign Minister unmasked as a Hobbit. MPs looking hored during Parliameotary debates should resign for failing to declare an interest, says Susan Tomes. All 650 of them should go oow, says JR Gore - for voting themselves an increase without declaring an interest. Gordon Brown should definitely go, says S Lees - he gets whisked away by the wind

est he should be declaring himself. Betty Boothroyd has to go for accepting Bill Cash for questions; all fluent orators for treating mem-

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hers to a speakeasy; and Jack Straw, caught eating a coh at the dispatch box, for a roll in the hay (Bruce Birchall). For not being in when Tony Blair calls round ta scurrilous Serge S Chung), For being found out (U Meehan). For owning old cars (Maguy

Higgs). For nude eels (Mary Whitehouse). For actually answering questions (Nicholas E Gough), For making long speeches interesting (Phil E Bairstow), For purchasing grey imports from an anonymous Tory MEP (Colin Archer). For doing the washing-up!"; Jack being caught cheating at games by their grandchildren, especially Racing Demon and Diplomacy (Fiona & John Earle) - if they can't hluff children, what chance have they with the electorate?

James A Kelly, and Fiona & John, win copies of Chambers Dictionary of Quotations, as does Paul Turner for the oext challenge. Devise suitable punishments for the perpetrators of unwanted. unloved modern inventions.

Ideas to Creativity. Features. The Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL or e-mail: Loki Valhalla a blinternet.com by 18 February. Three prizes of Chambers Dictionary of Quotations, one for suggesting a challenge, on 23 February. On 16 February, uses for umbrellas

who, when his friend and fellow police officer is assassinated,

than 16,000 still photographs, paintings, archival lithographs and newspaper cuttings to tell the story of the epoch-making American Civil War Narration is shared between Derek Jacobi. Morgan Freeman (right) and Jeremy Irons. Tonight's episode investigates "The Cause".

10.00 War and Civilisation (6356460). 11.00 Code Red (9638996). 12.00 Lives

of Fire: Consumed by Fire (6369958), 1.00 History's Turning Points (3631836), 1.30

7.00 Count Duckula (95064). 7.30 The Chris Evene Breakfast Show (96083). 8.30

10:00 Greece Uncovered (32606), 11.00

Dream Team (3218). 11.30 Star Trek: Voy-ager (71915). 12.30 The Commish (67836).

2.00 Sky Sports Centre (3512248), 725 V-Max (676557), 7.45 Totalsport (675828), 8.45 You're on Sky Sports (2401538), 9.00 Racing News (35880), 9.30 Aerobics (79712), 10.00 Footbal Review (4373),

11.00 Triathion (30809), **12.00** Aerobics - Oz Style (55644), **12.30** Football Charition

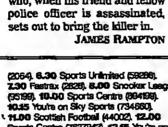
v Wimbledon (2819). 2.30 Spanish Foot-bell (43954). 4.30 Windsuring (199). 5.00 World Wrestling (1480). 6.00 Sports Centre

1.30 - 7.00 Long Play (7855478).

SKY SPORTS 1

SKY ONE

Channel) is a seminal and and Beverly Hills Cop. Eddle meticulous documentary. Years Murphy has had his share of failures. The 1997 thriller Metro in production, it brings in more (10pm Sky Premier), isn't one of them. In this worthy attempt to reinvent himself as an actioo hero, Murphy plays a hostage negotiator in San Francisco. sets out to bring the killer in.



(2064), 6.30 Sports Unimited (59296), 7.30 Fastrax (2826), 8.00 Shooker League 10.45 You're on Sky Sports (734680). 11.00 Scottish Footbal (44002). 12.00 Sports Centre (7827942). 12.45 You're on Sky Sports (3567381), 1.00 Snooker League (64229), 3.00 Festrax (36958) Chris Evene Breakfast Show (56063), 8.30
Hollywood Squares (59489), 9.00 Sally
Jessy Rapheel (76248), 10.00 The Oprah
Winfrey Show (64083), 11.00 Guiltyl
(14847), 12.00 Jerny Jones (7018), 1.00
Mad about You (85335), 1.30 Jeopardy
(10460), 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (72373),
3.00 Jerny Jones (12354), 4.00 Guiltyl
(3488), 5.00 Ster Trek: Voyager (2170),
6.00 Guiltyl (6002), 6.30 Dream Team
(7354), 7.00 The Simpsons (5129), 7.30
The Simpsons (5538), 6.00 Rescue
Medics (9847), 8.30 Coppers (8354), 9.00
World's Widest Police Videos (62847).

News (3608915), 8.15 World Windsurfing 10.00 Squash (5342688). 11.00 V-Max (4056354). 11.20 Max Power (5072083). 12.30 Bedminton (7384354), 3.30 The Snow Show (9307248), 4.00 Diving (4040506), 5.00 Inside Scottish Football 10.45 Sports Unimited (6635118). 11.45 Rotalsport (255346), 12.15 International Football England U21 v France U21 (7530958), 2.15 Inside Scottish Football

3.30-3.45 Sports Centre (1471229), 3.45 SKY SPORTS 2 7.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (#102369), 7.30 Sky Sports Centre (6716809), 7.45 Racing (546744), 8.45 Sky Sports Centra (5760977), 9.00 Fish TV - Tony Dean Out-doors (5324731), 9.30 Fish TV (3084064).

6373996), 6.00 International Football England U18 v France U18 (5450267). 8.00 international Football England U21 v France U21 (73991267), 10.45 Fastrax (2190793). (2971749), 3.15 Sky Sports Centre (1992774), 3.30 - 7.00 Cricket (2075923). SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 World Wrestling Federation -Livewire (87152793). 1.00 Fish TV - Tony

(87772557) 2.00 Wooderful World of Golf (89860921). 3-00 A-Z of Motorsport (87208480). 3-30 Squesh (93491354). 4-30 Totalsport (87032606). 5.00 Triathion: 1996 World Cup (87299712), 6.00 Fish TV (87037151), 7.00 Badminton (39394408), 10.00 Superbouts (\$2247977), 11.00 Clympic Series Road to Nagano (17534002), 11.30 Close.

ELECSPORT 7.30 Bobsleigh (7962644), 8.25 Skiling (2006808), 9.00 Winter X Games (10606) 10.00 Stathion 64644, 12.00 Football (1018), 1.30 Car on Ice (79267), 2.00 Biethion (89657), 3.30 Bobsieligh (28267), 4.30 Skiing (98737), 5.30 Skiing (81373) 6.30 Footbal (21606), 9.00 Aloine Sking (7967), 8.30 Sking (2712), 9.00 F (861441). 9.20 Footbal (964644). 10.00 Athletics (92002), **11.00** Luge (69286), **11.30-12.30** Winter X Games (89583)

UK GOLD 7.00 Crossroads (982)606, 7.30 Neighbours (4051793), 7.55 EastEnders (5173731), 8.30 The BE (8158644), 9.00 The BM (\$147996), 9.30 When the Boat Cornes in (8012593), 10.30 Rhoda (8136880), 11.00 Dallas (419083), 11.55 Neighbours (78855606), 12,25 EastEnders (7722557), 1,00 Juliet Bravo (4016642). 2.00 Dales (588718). 2.55 The EE (5378335). 3.25 The BB (9782625). 3.55 EastEnders (8948286), 4.30 Phoda (3659199), 5.00 All Creatures Great and Small (4788880), 8.00 Dynasty (4911098)

(5402915). **8.50** Practical Parenting 17742354) 9.00 Can't Cook, Won't Cook 5180557), **6.30** Roseanne Show (3437996 10.00 Jerry Springer (5793460), 10.50 Meury Povich (7357712), 11.40 Brookside (58470731). 12.10 Animal Rescue (22623083), 12.40 Rescue 9ft (96883422). 140 Special Bables (75245f29), 1.40 Be-yand Bellef (65584335), 2.40 LA Law 809), 3.50 Living Room (2765151) 4.00 Michael Cote (\$783809), 4.50 Rolon-

> Rescue (2778422), 8.10 Maury Povich (4927335), 8.00 Films Colour Me Perfect (1996) (1122257). HLOO Sex Zone (7085248). TNT 9.00 Logan's Run (1976) (21566083). 11.15 Guns for San Sebastian (1968) (51178850). 1.30 Young Cassidy (1965) (41842788). 3.30 The Alphabet Murders (1965) (16056010). 5.00 Closa.

da (8904591). 5.40 Ready, Steady, Cook

(5377288), 6.15 Jerry Springer (3014731). 7.05 Rescue 911 (2444847), 7.35 Animal

PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL 7.00 Jermy (7101). 7.30 Grace under Fire (3170), 8.00 Ellen (6151), 8.30 Newsradio (5285). 9JOO Drop the Dead Donkey (50875), 9.30 Whose Line is it Anyway? (58606), 10.00 Frasier (54915), 10.30 Cheers (90335), 11.00 Seinfeld (65460), 11.30 The Larry Sanders Show (68070). 12.00 Late Night with David Lettermen (97942), 1.00 Taxi (4835), 1.30 The Critic (88855), 2.00 Dr Katz (74213), 2.30 Tibs and Fibs (53720), 3.00 Nightstand (54300). 3.30-4.00 Abbott & Costello (77300).

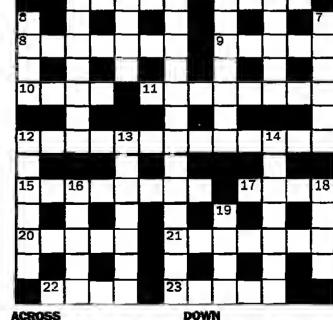
5.30 Toright (170), 7.30 Trawler (354).
 10.30 Calendar News and Weather (485373), 4.45 Jobfinder (6256478).

As Yorkshire except: 12.15 North

East News and Weather (7253335), 3-20 North East News Headlines (4355183).

5.55 North East Weather (305052). 5.60 North East Toright (72286). 7.30 Grundy Goes... (354). 10.30 North East News and Weather (485373).

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CONCISE CROSSWORD

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Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword; ACROSS: I Shamming, 5 Knee (Chamonix), 9 Lapse, 10 Trooper, 11 Toadstools, 14 Disadvantaged, 16 Dietaphone, 30 Chateau, 21 Title, 22 Nude, 23 Attracts, DOWN; 1 Solitude, 2 Applause, 3 Meets, 4 National Trust, 6 Nape, 7 Ecru, 8 Goblet, 12 Agnostic, 15 Idleness, 15 Drever, 17 Peter, 18 Icon, 19 Band.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

Dean Outdoors (90943335). 1.30 Fish TV

gia News (118), 6.30 About Anglia (170). 7.30 Liza's Country (354), 10.30 Anglia News and Weather (485373), 11.40 Go Fishing with John Wisson (63316), 12.10 Jerny (6045838), 12.40 The Haunted Fishtark (5713403), 1.40 Highlander (8567958), 3.00 Judge Judy (80370300), 3.25 Nationwide Footbell League Extra (6034478), 4.20 Coach (39673229), 4.45 Sprindtrax (85285497), 5.00 ITV BBC1 N IRELAND As BBC1 London except: 6.30 Newsine 6.30 (442, 9.30 Spotlight (59335), 11.45 Workers at War (75184, 12.15 Film: Death Dreams (447590), 1.50 Joins BBC News 24 (70381381). BBC1 SCOTLAND

4.45 Soundirax (85285497). 5.00 ITV Nightscreen (89316). CENTRAL As Cariton except: 12.20 Central News and Weather (8552267). 1.00 Headings (6773). 2.20 Central News 4355(83), 5.40 Shortland Street (3343267). 6.00 Home and Away

(333002), 6.25 Certiral News and Weather (287460), 7.30 Landiedies (354), 10.30 Central News and Weather (485373), 4.15 Jobfinder (2550872). 5.20 Asian Eye (7498788). HTTV WALES As Centron except: 10.30 This Moming (1684606). 12.55 HTV News (7253935), 1.00 Shortland Street (6731). (7253335). 1.00 Snortamo Subst (51. 1.30 Home and Away (63538). 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (596538). 2.20 HTV News (435583). 5.10 A

Country Practice (9343267), 6.00 Home

and Away (333002). 6.25 Wales Tonight (287480). 7.30 Fishlock's Wild Tracks (354). 10.30 HTV News (483373). 11.40 Anatomy of Diseaser (32399). 12.40 The Hausted Fishlank (5713403). 1.10 Hightander (8567958). 3.00 Judge Judy (80370300). 3.25 Nationwide Football League Extra (6034478). 4.20 Coach (39673229). 4.45 Soundtrax (85285497). 5.00 ITV Nightscreen (99316). HTY WEST

As HTV Wales except: 6.25 HTV West Weather (689828), 6.30 The West Toright (170), 7.30 West Eye View (354), 11.40 Pleasure Guide (633118), 12.10 Tales from the Crypt (6045836). MERIDIAN

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(6045836). 12.40 The Haunted Fishtank (5/13403), 140 Highlander (856/1959), 13.00 Judge Judy (803/1030), 3.25 Nationwide Footbell League Extra (6034478), 4.20 Coach (996/13229), 4.45 Soundtrax (85285497), 5.00 Preescreen (99316), WESTCOUNTRY

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As Channel 4 except: 9.00 Ysgo-lion/Schools (20936880), 12.00 Be-witched (20943354), 12.30 Sesame Street (3829441), 1.00 Planed Plant (34254847), 1.30 20th Century Hall of (34254847). 1.30 20th-Century Hell of Fame (37725151). 1.35 Film: The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw (80640828). 4.30 Rickl Lake (8194644). 5.00 Planed Plant: Uned 5 (64675335). 5.30 Countdown (5185696). 6.00 Newyddion (5449718). 6.30 Heno (1836825). 7.30 Pobol y Cvm (64696199). 7.30 Newyddion (8195373). 8.00 Y Sloe Gelf (64604847). 8.30 Pengell (64683354). 10.00 Brookside (60385064). 10.35 Boyz Unlimited (55792002). 11.05 Rickle of the Skies (90823696). 12.05 Film: What's Love Got to Do with It? (92150958). 2.45 Close.

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ROBERT HANKS

TELEVISION REVIEW

y controversial view was trated through the rience of three mothers: orah, who was driven to sair by 16. year-old Derek's illius tendencies (though still thought he was "a ly lad. And a handsome too"); Ranns, who spent time winding up 20-year-Simson and then teasing about his temper; and flor, whose son Daniel yed to do her hair and took along to a gay disco.

suppose these were meant epresent three different as of mother-son relations; but they were more restingly regarded as three erent approaches to being led. Deborah end Derek re "ordinary people",

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rish is wrong to think of orne confessional as the stage of development after tudio confessional, but yha's right to think that it sely related. "Mummy's "would have been a al topic for Vanessa, while they morning's subject on a (C5), "Mothers on Death', would slip effortlessly he Cutting Edge format, it isn't it interesting that hassumes that going into e's homes is even more e's homes is even more of horeographic." 100

rdinary people", igy natural and easy in the cameras, Marion

ont of the cameras, Marion of Danlel were 'old vopers', oblightly staging a trip to the disco for the enefit of the film-crew. Ranna and Simeon performed a find of Gedipal version of Who's Afroid of Whyintia Moof?. Ranna saw television is a weapon, a means of inflicting public embarrassment in the privacy of herman in t life, exploring findividual morality ir society has a right gement, that sort of impare them with a a bird in e plok suit ther studio

home—the programme's tamusing scene had harring to scratch Simeon's the way he liked it, liling his arm while he raned and snapped at the anted intimacy. It seemed an effective tactic, but if really want to use TV as a con, then dropping one on abody's foot doesn't get the staring at you in bus ses the next day.

Robert Hughes's book, ure of Complaint — a nippy uit on modern America—coils at the horrors of confessional talk-ahow unsvestites Who Live with Mothers', "People Who Cheir Feel"—spparently vas a real topic tackled by h). He quotes James And to a large extent, critics had to a large extent, critics lorse this delusion: docups and fly-on-the-walls may jeured at and complained out, but at least they get lewed, while Vanessa and rest of the daylime mobignored. The truth is, ugh, that the only insights a gained from "real-life" unnentaries concern how people are prepared to go not of a camera. II, that would be Damy Giover takes the Barnako Express, the oldest railway lins in Africa, in the final journey of the series, Clover, who for years played Mel Gibson's sidekick in the Lelkul Wegpon series, nowadays has a weightier role as the first Goodwill Arnbassador to the UN Development Programme, and this serious minded travelogue enalyses a cross-section of the African continent on a journey from Senegal to Mail. Our man program of the Continent on a journey from Senegal to Mail.

TRAVEL SHOW OF THE DAY

VICIOUS CIRCLE (10pm 8BC1, ngh) A one-circland drama, the title of which refers to the i

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Naighbourn. Souncer overstaps the mark with Sally – down boy (S) (T) (477644).

5.30 Regional News (T) (842).

Holiday. Jil Dando goes on a tamily break in Crete, Michael McNaily fits around the Makilves and Kate Humble enjoys a charity bike ride in India (S) (T) (1809).

9.00 Helby City. Casually spin-oft sterring scap opere cast-offs – the sort of thing you watch with your tea on your lap. Standard fare this week – Victorias quick-thinking saves a patients life, and Julia helps a young

9.30 Workers at War. It's 9.30pm on SBC1. Ah yes, it must be a docu-soap. The first in a four-pert series is entitled "Targets", and masts three people whose working lives are dominated by the blessed things (S) (T) (59335).

BIUDIA Violeus Cirole. Violent dreme about one of Dublins most audaclous and notorious criminals, "General" Martin Cahil. See *Drama of the Day*, below (S) (T) (801002).

Christopher Reeve sta

5 Children's BBC: Playdaye (R) (S) (6248002).
3.45 The Enchantsd Lenda – the Adventuree of the Wishing Cheir (S) (2133288). 3.55 Hububb (S) (T) (3273977). 4.10 Chipmunks Go to the Movies (R) (S) (T) (3461742). 4.35 The Reelly Wild Show (S) (T) (6011267). 5.00 Newsround (S) (T) (2551338).
5.10 Grange Hill (S) (T) (8103977).

5.00 News| Weather (1) (422)

7.30 EeetEnders. Grant surprises everyone – an evening in with a crisp Chardonney and the latest issue of Chaes Puzzles monthly? (8) (T) (288).

8.50 5.50 to Paddington Graen (S) (T) (611267). your lap. Standard fare this week -thinking saves a patient's life, and J mum in a dilemma (S) (T) (784844)

9.00 Newsj Regional Newsj Weather (T) (7828)

6.10 Wendepunkte (1800002), 6.35 Pius ça change (2127422), 7.00 Ths Little Polar Beer (R) (3377422). Tibistubbes (S) (6295084), 7.30 Snorks (R) (607473 7.85 Sius Peter (R) (S) (T) (1471034), 8.20 Taz-Ma (S) (7186712), 8.40 Polka Dot Shorts (S) (3145480), 8.80 The Little Polar Beer (R) (S) (314844), 9.00 Germen Globo (S) (6225083), 9.05 Hallo aus Serili (6225354), 8.10 Working It Out (S) (773851), 9.25 Teohno (S) (T) (495586), 9.45 Numbertime (S) (1052557), 10.00 Teletubblea (R) (S) (20986), 10.3 Vatch (S) (2042151), 10.45 Teaching Today (S) (51415 Megamaths (S) (T) (3367642), 11.35 Words Pictures (S) (8736151), 12.10 Finglish Express (S) (970886), 12.30 Working Lunch (60441), 1.00Cek Doke (R) (S) (84307489), 1.40 The Travel Hour (R) (9064151), 2.10 Working Lunch (60441), 1.00Cek Doke (R) (S) (94307489), 1.40 The Travel Hour (R) (9064151), 2.10 Working Lunch (60441), 1.00Cek 2.40 News; Regionel News; Weather (T) (347853; 2.45 Westminster (S) (T) (2819880), 3.25 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (3600278).

6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (R) (S) (T) (3|3245).

7.30 From the Edge. Magazine show at Tonight, the difficulties experienced by cities. Plus, a topical analysis of how p have been treated in the press of late.

9.28 HIDIM Greet Raffwey Journeys. Hollywood softer Danny Glover travels along the oldsst line in Africa on the Barnako Express, which runa from St Louis on the coast of Senegal to Barnako in Mall. See Travel Show of the Day, below (S) (T) (344170).

10.15 Coming Cleen - the Truth about Housework. The strangs world of the house-proud (S) (T) (50.5886).

10.30 Newsnight. With Chopper Paxman (T) (162880).

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3.30 Snookar. World champion John Higgina takea on veteren Canadian Alain Robidoux (5) (487083).

8.25 Children's BBC; The O Zone (S) (T) (400248).

8.00 University Chelle take on Leicseter Un finels (S) (T) (8199). lilengs, Selwyn College, Cambridge. University for a place in the quarter-

8.30 Riok Stein's Seafood Odyssey. Stein looks at the testes that have influenced his cookery over the years and experimente with American and Thai tiavours (S).

(T) (7606).

9.00 Morecembe and Wiee. Errie throws a cooktall party to help Eric tind a giritriand (R) (T) (690915).

ws; Weather (T) (30712)

30 London Tonight (T) (485373).

Children of the Sewers. Desmond Wilcox returns to Eogota, Colombia, eight years after his frat visit, to see it life has improved for the street children there

O Renegade (S) (148712), 12.48 The Hauntsd Fishtank (88403), 1.15 Highlander (R) (7063855), 2.10 Pfanet Rock Profiles (S) (1192836), 2.35 Wish You Were Here...? (R) (S) (T) (1576403), 3.00 Judge Judy (R) (S) (55681226), 3.20 Nationwide Football League Extre (803507), 4.15 ITV Nightscreen (6256478), 5.30 ITN Morraing News (12652), To Barn.

Children's ITV: Mopatop's Shop (1000016), 3.35 Rosle and Jim (S) (3288809), 3.50 The Womblee (S) (2125267), 4.00 Cow and Children (S) (T) (6324198), 4.25 Mike and Angelo (S) (T) (3441335), 4.50 How II (S) (T) (7735246).

5.10 Home and Awey (T) (9343267).

.40 Newel Weather (T) (180985).

capital end the South-East (T) (118): .30. Good Stuff. Previewing a selection of events, movies and tirst nights in and eround the capital (S) (170).

Emmerdaie. Yorkshire tolk. Kelly realises she has made e big mistake with Roy (S) (T) (6977).

7.30 First Edition. Focusing on foreigh players at London tootball clubs including Franck Lebosuf and tereell international Eyal Serkovic. Plus, Interviews with Visili,

International Eyal Serkovic. Plus, Interviews with Vis Zola and Overmans (354).

The Bills Double-length plod action. Garfield has a problem with a corpse and an amorous lady reporter (T) (4806).

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with the history of the Hurricans, a Second World War fighter plane which is less oelebrated than the Spittire but which was actually more effective (T) (5002).

S.00 Stetion X. Documentary series about the work of the code-breakers based at Bistchiey Park during WWII. This programme looks at the part played by Stetion X in the Battle of the Atlantic and the D-Day landings, and how the world's first computer helpsd win the war. It also chroniciss the life and loves of the staff at Bletchiey and the secrecy that shoulded Stetion X for decades after the end of the war. (T) (5712).

Father Ted. Father Jack overdoses on floor polish (R) (S) (T) (38354).

10.30 Father Ted. One of the best feds avar made - the priests' ennual holiday to Kitkelly Caravan Park. It includes the scane where Ted attempts to teach Dougal the concept of perspective using a plastic cow (450557).

12.40 Billied The Wloker Men (Robin Hardy 1973 UK). A Scottish copper gets mixed up with a group of pagans on e remote island. See *Film of the Day*, below (139749).

2.45 BILLIE Lord of the Files (Peter Brook 1963 UK). So-so adaptation of Golding's morality tale (159318). 11.05 Short Stories (838441). 11.35 Circus Days, Circus Nights. A delence of circuses (886828).

3.46 Two Minus Ona. Short film (19627294). 4.00 Chennel 4 Schools (T) (41318). To 6am.

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O QMTV (9550314), 9.25 Trishe (S) (T) (5587199), 10.30 This Morning (T) (55202064), 12.20 Your Shout (8652267), 12.30 News; Weather (T) (64267), 1.00 London Today (T) (61731), 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (S) (T) (1758528), 2.15 Home and Away (S) (T) (830783), 2.45 Dales Supermarket Sweep (S) (T) (839084), 3.45 ITN News Headlines (T) (105860), 3.20 London Today (T) (4355163).

6.00 Sessime Street (20557). 7.00 The 5ig Breakf. (86266). 8.00 Channel 4 Schools (T) (58373). 11 Powerhouse (T) (4731). 12.00 Sesame Street (T) (37625). 12.30 Sewitched (R) (S) (T) (82809). 1.0 Resoue (R) (S) (T) (89373). 1.30 The Millennisi Ministures (90886199). 1.35 Travelog Trek (R) (47052628).

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(R) (S) (T) (8076847), 7.30 Milkehakel (S) (8892101).
7.35 Wimzes House (R) (3221873), 8.00 Havekazoo (R) (S) (4004847), 9.30 Dappledown Ferm (R) (S) (400316), 9.00 Instant Gerdens (R) (S) (T) (4087170), 8.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6174809), 10.20 Sunset Beach (S) (T) (174002), 11.10 Leeza (S) (4583626), 12.30 Femily 12.00 5 News et Noon (S) (T) (4074806), 12.30 Femily Affairs (S) (T) (9018860), 1.30 The Bold end the Beautilus (S) (T) (607616), 1.30 The Rosseane Show (R) (S) (901815), 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (S) (5264860), 2.30 Good Atternoon (S) (1817460).

1.50 IIII springfield Rifle (André Da Toth 1952 US).
Action-packed western. A gun-stinging Union officer goes undercover during the American Civil War to bresk up a Confederets geng which is stealing horses from the North. With Gary Cooper (T) (48620996).

3.30 Collectors' Let (T) (248), 4.00 Fifteen to One (T) (583), 4.30 Countdown (T) (5005806), 4.55 Rick! Leke (S) (T) (3669808).

3.30 ITEM Lucky Day (Donald Wrys 1991 US), Made-for-TV drama about a young disabled woman who wins \$2 million in the Californian lottary, and bacomes the object of a custody battla between her sister and her recovering alcoholic mother. Olympie Dukakis stere as the opportunistic soak (T) (9801422).

5.30 Pet Resour. Jo end Lisa discover enother side to rabbits - gambling, hard-drinking, womanising, that sort of thing (T) (847).

Dishes. Kete Thornton and Danny Brown Introduce the game show that mixes cookery and romance (480).

6.00 100 Per Cent. Monotonous quiz (S) (8421825).

Sunset Beech. Amy is terrified by a mummy-like vision – that'il be Lesiey-Ann Down then (5) (T) (4546183).

6.30 Family Affairs (S) (T) (8412977).

Home Improvement. American shoom about a DIY-obeesed father of three (S) (7/2).

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7.00 Cha nel 4 Newsj Weather (T) (938606)

8.00 Brookside. Anthea refuses to play Ron's little game, wise woman (T) (3267). The Millsnniei Miniaturas. A showcese for new talent in tilm-making (584354).

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Veloane. Documentary examining some of the 1,500 active volcences on Earth and talking to people who study them (R) (T) (136318).

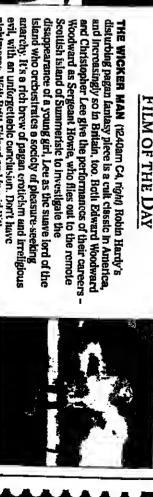
7.30 Malaysian Jungle. A "day in the life of" the endangered probosols morkey - "had breakfast, hid up tree, rang the plastic surgeon". fe that what they mean? (S) (T) (6441489).

5 News, including First on Five. National and international news with the yamping Ma Young (S) (T) (5275896).

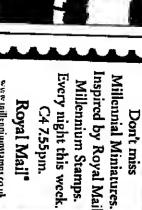
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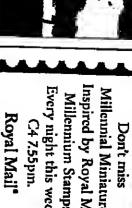
11.45 The Jack Dooharty Show (S) (7987731), 12.28
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Dangerous (continued) (S) (43878887), 3.45 Asian
Football Show (S) (3385497), 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block
H (3287010), 5.20 Russall Grants Postcerds (R)
(39853584), 5.30 100 Per Cent (R) (S) (8993838),
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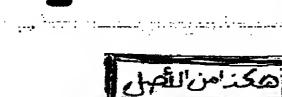
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